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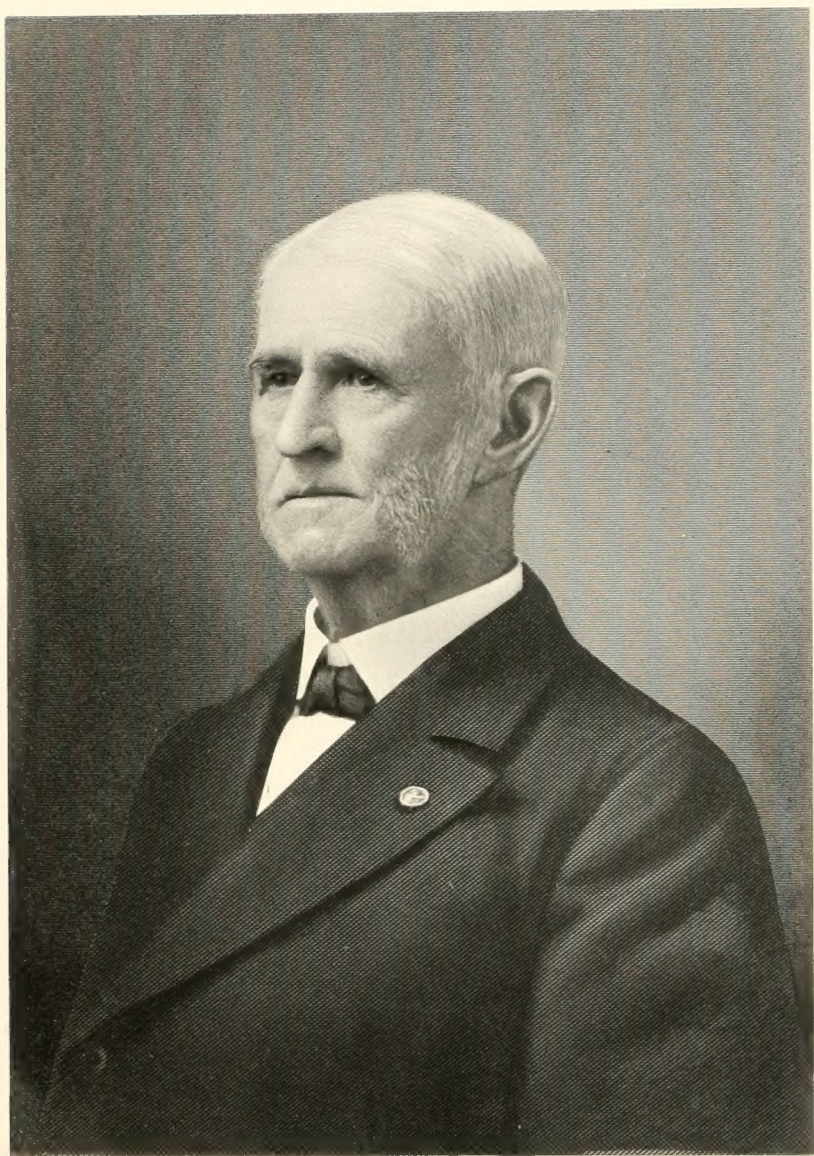
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## HON. AUGUSTUS HARVEY HAMILTON.

On the list of leading citizens of Ottumwa the name of Augustus Harvey Hamilton is written high. His prominent connection with journalism, his loyal advocacy and support of measures for the public good and his individual worth have combined to make him a highly respected and honored resident of the community in which he has so long made his home. He was born January 19, 1827, upon a farm within the present limits of Cleveland, Ohio, and there he was wont to follow the plow upon tracts that are now factory sites, situated in the midst of a densely populated district of that city. His father, Justus Hamilton, born in Massachusetts, March 17, 1792, made the journey westward from Massachusetts to Cleveland on horseback with his father in 1801. Establishing his home there, he became closely identified with agricultural interests. He married Salinda Brainard, who was born on the Connecticut river, near Middletown, Connecticut, on the 16th of March, 1791. The children of that family were Augustus Harvey; Delia, deceased; Edwin T., who was a judge upon the bench at Cleveland, Ohio, for twenty years, but has now passed away; and Albert Justus, also deceased. There is also a half sister, Rachel Burke, who is now living in Cleveland at the remarkable old age of ninety-four years.

Augustus H. Hamilton pursued his early education in the common schools of Newburg, Ohio, just out of Cleveland, and afterward entered Alleghany College at Meadville, Pennsylvania, in 1849, becoming a member of the senior class. He did not complete the course, however, for an attractive business offer caused him to put aside his text-books and enter business life. When about twenty-four years of age he began reading law and was admitted to the bar at Painesville, Ohio, in May, 1854. Immediately he made his way westward to Iowa, where he arrived in June. He saw the surveyors laying out the town

of Omaha, on the site of which there then stood but two houses, and those of logs. Returning to Iowa City, Iowa, while the supreme court was in session, he was admitted to practice in this state. In the following month he removed to Ottumwa, then a little village containing a population of about four hundred. In 1856 he purchased a forty acre tract of land, upon a part of which his home now stands. He paid thirty dollars per acre for the tract, of which he remained the owner until after the war. He also bought an additional tract of twenty-five acres and the entire place is now thickly covered with buildings, save about ten acres, which has been maintained as a fine residence section. After coming to Ottumwa Mr. Hamilton engaged successfully in the practice of law until he entered the army. In the meantime he had been an active factor in the public life of the growing town and in 1858 was elected mayor. He was forced to abandon an extensive law practice when, in 1862, he responded to the country's call for troops and went to the front in defense of the Union, joining the Thirty-sixth Iowa Infantry. He entered the service as first lieutenant and adjutant of the regiment and served for three years. It was in September, 1862, that he went to the front and in October, 1865, he was honorably discharged. In 1863 he was promoted to the rank of major. His service was nearly all west of the Mississippi and the first conflict in which he participated was at Helena, Arkansas, on the 4th of July, 1863. However, he had taken part in the Yazoo Pass expedition in March, twenty thousand men advancing into that district, the expedition employing thirty steamboats and ten gunboats. They were forty days and nights in the wilderness. Later the command was sent into Arkansas and on the 10th of September, 1863, Mr. Hamilton participated in the capture of Little Rock. A strategic movement was planned and but few men were lost. They remained there through the winter and the following March proceeded to capture Camden, at the head of navigation on the Ouchita river. They were successful in this. Later the Union troops were attacked by a combined force of two Confederate armies and met with disastrous defeat, suffering a great loss of life. There Major Hamilton surrendered to a Confederate major and was taken to the prison at Camp Ford, four miles from Tyler, Texas. He was obliged to march nearly four hundred miles to that prison and was there incarcerated until he managed to make his escape. He traveled perhaps six or seven



hundred miles before he reached the Union lines at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He was accompanied by Captain Allen W. Miller, of Company C, and Captain John Lambert, of Company K, Thirty-sixth Iowa Infantry, and they were thirty-three days in reaching the Union lines, Major Hamilton forging a pass whereby Captain Miller, Captain Lambert and Private Hamilton managed to make their escape. They went out on the 23d of July, 1864, and did not return, reaching the Union forces on the 24th of August, 1864, after living on berries, green corn and watermelons. They were also obliged to sleep out of doors, not infrequently in the rain, but they managed to keep well and safe. On the last day of their tramping they reached the Arkansas river and there separated. Mr. Hamilton managed to make his way in camp at noon and the other two at night. He then obtained a leave of absence for thirty days and returned home, but his two companions died soon afterward.

When the war was over and Major Hamilton was honorably discharged, he again took up his abode in Ottumwa and to some extent resumed professional activity, but his practice was gone and, thinking he might have better business opportunities in other fields than by waiting to build up another practice, he purchased an interest in the Courier, becoming a partner of General John M. Hedrick in the ownership of that paper in 1869. In ten years he became sole proprietor and conducted it alone for another decade. At all times he held to the highest standards of journalism and made his paper well worthy of patronage. In 1890 he sold out and retired from active business life.

It was in 1856 that Mr. Hamilton was married to Miss Elma Coffin, who was born in Springfield, Ohio, May 18, 1836, a daughter of Thomas C. and Mary (Harvey) Coffin, the former a representative of an old North Carolina family, while the Harveys were from Indiana, and on both the paternal and maternal sides Mrs. Hamilton is of Quaker descent. By her marriage she became the mother of four sons, of whom two died in infancy, while one son was drowned at the age of nine years, and the fourth son, Justus Albert, died in Idaho. The two daughters of the family, Mary E. and Emma Salinda, are at home caring for their father and mother.

Mr. Hamilton has always been a stanch republican since the organization of the party and was present when Abraham Lincoln was nominated in May, 1860. He has done much to

shape the policy of the party in this state and was twice elected to represent his district in the Iowa senate in the latter part of the '60s but resigned in order to accept the position of post-master of Ottumwa, in which office he continued for twelve years, his official service commending him to the confidence and regard of all. Possibly no man in the city of Ottumwa has contributed more of his energy, time, and money, to the up-building of this city. He is one of the few men now living who laid the foundation that has made this one of the best towns in the State. He has always taken an active interest in politics, but more especially in the cause of prohibition, and he has lived to see the principles he worked for put into practice, as for some time past there have been no saloons in Ottumwa. He is a Unitarian in religious belief, and his life has ever been actuated by high and honorable principles, so that there is no occasion for him to look back over the past with regret. He is now one of Ottumwa's most venerable citizens, having reached the age of eighty-seven years, and the record of few has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation.

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### MURDOCH BANNISTER, M. D.

Dr. Murdoch Bannister, who began the practice of medicine as a hospital interne in Philadelphia in 1894, is one of the most able and successful physicians of Ottumwa, where he located in 1895. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, December 25, 1868. His father, Dwight Bannister, who was born in Ontario county, New York, February 3, 1833, prepared for and engaged in the practice of law as a life work save for the period which he devoted to military service. He came of a family in which the military spirit has always been strong. His grandfather, Lemuel Bannister, was a captain of New York volunteers during the latter years of the Revolutionary war. His father, Asahel Bannister, was a colonel of New York troops in the War of 1812, and Dwight Bannister joined the United States army in 1861, serving for ten years, winning the brevet rank of lieutenant colonel. It was subsequent to that date that he established his home in Ottumwa, where he became president of the Ottumwa Gas Company and thus continued in active business connections with the city until his life's labors were ended in death on the 30th

of January, 1899. He married Lavinia M. Murdoch, who was born in Springfield, Ohio, November 30, 1839, and survives him at the advanced age of seventy-four years.

With the removal of the family to Iowa Dr. Bannister became a pupil in the schools of Ottumwa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1886. He next entered the Iowa State University, in which he won the Bachelor of Science degree with the class of 1891. He then took up the study of medicine in preparation for a professional career and won his M. D. degree at the University of Pennsylvania in 1894. He was then appointed an interne in the Polyclinic Hospital at Philadelphia, in which he spent about a year, and in 1895 he returned to Ottumwa to enter upon the private practice of medicine. Some time afterward he became connected with the gas business, with which he was associated for a few years, at the end of which period he sold the gas plant in 1899 and resumed the practice of medicine. He was medical examiner of the Burlington Voluntary Relief in 1896-7. For eight years he was a member of the examining board of the United States pension department and has also been a member of the Board of Control of State Institutions. His knowledge of the science of medicine is comprehensive and exact and continuous reading and investigation keep him in touch with the advanced work of the profession. He is a member of the Wapello County Medical Society, the Des Moines Valley Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and of the first two he has been honored with the presidency, indicating his high professional standing among those most familiar with his career. He is the author of the chapter in this work dealing with the history of the medical profession in Wapello county.

On the 7th of September, 1904, Dr. Bannister was married, in Ottumwa, to Miss Keota W. Williams, youngest daughter of the late Morris J. Williams, judge of the district court. He was one of the pioneer attorneys of Wapello county and was recognized not only as an able and learned lawyer but also as a man of high character. Dr. and Mrs. Bannister are parents of two sons, Dwight Morris and Burn Williams. The family attend the Congregational church, to which Dr. and Mrs. Bannister belong. He is also a member of the Country Club, and his fraternal relations are with the Masons, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Royal Arcanum and the Homesteaders. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but he has never had inclination for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon



his professional interests, which are making increasingly heavy demands upon his attention. His professional standards are high, and he is most conscientious in the performance of his duties.

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### JAMES J. SMITH.

James J. Smith, a leader among the able lawyers of the Ottumwa bar, has been continuously engaged in practice in this city since August, 1879, and throughout the intervening years has been accorded a large and distinctly representative clientage. He was born February 12, 1854, in Iowa City, Iowa, a son of Andrew and Mary (Donohoe) Smith, who were natives of Ireland and came to the United States in 1850, first settling in Ohio. In 1852 they removed to Iowa, taking up their abode in Iowa City, where they remained for fourteen years. Later the father turned his attention to farming, settling in Johnson county, where he remained until 1885, when he brought his family to Ottumwa. Here he and his wife continued to reside until called to the home beyond.

Liberal educational advantages were accorded James J. Smith, who supplemented his early training by study in the Iowa State University, where he pursued his professional course, being graduated from the law school in June, 1879. He began practice in Ottumwa in the month of August, of that year, and has since been a representative of the bar—well known and prominent in his profession for many years. He has been retained on many important cases and has been very successful in presenting his cause before the courts, the records showing that he has won a large percentage of his cases. He has ever been careful and thorough in preparation, is strong and forceful in argument and his deductions follow with logical sequence. While his attention has been confined almost exclusively to his practice, he is now one of the stockholders and directors of the First National Bank.

On the 29th of September, 1885, in Ottumwa, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Mary T. Shields, a niece of General James Shields, a hero of the Mexican and Civil wars and a distinguished statesman, who had the remarkable record of representing three states in the United States senate, and whose



*J. J. Smith*





statue has been placed in the Hall of Fame in Washington as that of one of the two representatives of Illinois. Mrs. Smith passed away February 26, 1897. On the 30th of August, 1900, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Dollie Healy, a daughter of Thomas Healy, a pioneer resident of Wapello county, and for many years one of the prominent merchants of Ottumwa. Mr. Smith's children are: Lytton J., who is a clerk in the N. Friedman store; Lillian, who resides with her parents; and Lucile, who is the wife of Clement L. Mikesh, a prominent young business man of Ottumwa. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have traveled quite extensively. In 1906 they made a tour through the eastern and New England states and in 1908 took a trip to the Pacific coast, covering a large part of California, Oregon and Washington. They then proceeded northward into Canada, visiting Vancouver and other points and returning over the scenic Canadian Pacific route. In 1910 Mrs. Smith, in company with her daughter Miss Lillian, who had completed her studies at the Iowa State University, made an extended tour of Europe, visiting many countries. While abroad they visited Rome and had an audience with Pope Pius X. They also witnessed the Passion Play at Ober-Ammergau and spent six months in travel amid the beautiful and historic scenes of the old world. Mrs. Smith has taken quite an active part in social affairs in the city of Ottumwa and is also deeply interested in educational matters and in charity. She is a member of the Daughters of Isabella and for a number of years has been connected with the Ottumwa Hospital Association as well as with other benevolent and social organizations.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church, their membership being in St. Mary's. Mr. Smith belongs to Ottumwa Lodge, No. 347, B. P. O. E., of which he is one of the trustees, and he is a charter member of General Shields Council, K. C., of which he was the first grand knight, holding the office for two years. His political allegiance has always been given the democratic party, and his opinions carry weight in its councils, while his activity has largely strengthened the cause in this district. He was chosen to represent his district in the twenty-third general assembly and was afterward elected as senator of the twenty-fourth assembly, where he aided in framing the laws of the state, being connected with much important constructive legislation, among which might be mentioned the present Australian ballot law, as he was chairman

of the committee that framed this law. In community affairs he is deeply and helpfully interested. For several years he was one of the trustees of the Ottumwa library, and he has been a member of the board of trustees of the Ottumwa Hospital Association from its organization. His ability in his profession, his activity in politics and his well known devotion to the public welfare have made him one of the valued residents of Ottumwa.

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### JAMES T. HACKWORTH.

The leaders are few. The great majority lack either the initiative which brings leadership, or the determination that enables them to overcome difficulties and use their opportunities to the best advantage. James T. Hackworth, however, was early imbued with the laudable ambition of attaining success and making his work count as a factor in business progress. Advantages that others have passed heedlessly by he has improved, and in the utilization of his opportunities he has reached a prominent position in business circles. No record of Wapello county would be complete without extended reference to him. His birth occurred in Adams county, Ohio, January 12, 1839. His father, George D. Hackworth, was born in Virginia in 1810 and in August, 1845, cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of this county, establishing his home in Center township, where he lived upon a farm until 1857. He then removed to Ottumwa, where he served for several years as county surveyor and was also county auditor for two years. In 1873 he removed to Kansas and his last days were spent in Cowley county, where he departed this life in March, 1878. He left a widow and four children, two of whom have passed away since his death. His wife bore the maiden name of Clarissa Morris and was born in Ohio in 1814. They became the parents of seven children, but three had departed this life prior to the father's demise. America Ann, the eldest, became the wife of Charles M. Kellogg, and died, leaving one child. Ellen M. married George W. Bowen and passed away in Ottumwa, leaving a family. James T. is the elder son. Mary J. became the wife of Robert Porter and died, leaving five children. George J. is also deceased. Barbara L. is a resi-

dent of Quincy, Kansas. Emily H. married Robert Painter and died, leaving a family.

James T. Hackworth was a little lad of but six years when the family came to Wapello county, where he has since made his home, covering a period of almost seven decades. He attended the common schools and afterward entered the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, from which he was graduated with the class of 1860. Deciding to make the practice of law his life work, he began reading law under the direction of Professor Henry Ambler, of the Iowa Wesleyan University, during his college course at Mount Pleasant, and was admitted to the bar in 1861. For ten years he engaged in the practice of law in Ottumwa, entering upon the active work of the profession after filling the office of county surveyor for a year. In 1863 he was appointed assistant assessor of United States internal revenue for Wapello county and acted in that capacity for three and half years during the period of the Civil war. In 1872 he joined Allen Johnston, A. G. Harrow and J. G. Hutchison in organizing the Johnston Ruffler Company. In 1877 Captain Hutchison withdrew and W. T. Major became a partner in the business. On its organization Mr. Hackworth was elected president and so continued for twenty-six years. This company was extensively engaged in the manufacture of sewing machine attachments and during a part of its history employed as many as five hundred hands in the factory. Mr. Hackworth also assisted in the organization of the Ottumwa Iron Works, which was formed in 1880 and is an outgrowth of the Johnston Ruffler Company, having been promoted by the partners of the former concern. Mr. Hackworth remains as vice president of the latter company, which controls one of the important industrial enterprises of the city. He has also figured actively in connection with the Dain Manufacturing Company. The business of that corporation was brought to Ottumwa through the efforts of twenty men, among whom was J. T. Hackworth, who became vice president of the company and so continued until its consolidation with the Deere Company of Moline, Illinois, in the year 1911. This by no means covers the extent of his activity along business lines, however. He has figured most prominently in financial circles and is today president of the Ottumwa National Bank, of which A. G. Harrow is vice president and R. W. Funk cashier. This bank is capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars and has a surplus of one hundred and ten thousand dollars.



Mr. Hackworth is also president of the Wapello County Savings Bank, capitalized for fifty thousand dollars and with a surplus of twenty-five thousand dollars. He is likewise president of the Batavia Savings Bank, the Blakesburg Savings Bank and the Union Trust & Savings Bank at Farmington. He is also treasurer of the Hardsocg Wonder Drill Company, is a director of the Ottumwa Savings Bank and is the owner of a large amount of real estate, consisting mainly of business houses located on Main street in Ottumwa. His property holdings and his business interests are the visible evidence of a life of well directed energy and thrift and have brought him to his present enviable position of leadership in Wapello county.

On the 21st of August, 1866, Mr. Hackworth was united in marriage to Miss Sue C. Kisinger and they make their home at the corner of Court street and Pennsylvania avenue in Ottumwa, where they have resided for more than thirty years. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and has been a member of the official board of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Ottumwa for a half century and is now president of its board of trustees. He has also been president of the board of trustees of the Ottumwa Public Library since its organization and which now has between thirty and forty thousand volumes on its shelves, and is an influential part of the educational system of the city.

There are indeed few who can boast of having witnessed the growth and transformation of Ottumwa and Wapello county through almost seventy years as Mr. Hackworth has done. He has lived to see wild lands converted into rich and productive farms, has seen towns and villages spring up and become thriving cities and centers of trade and has been an interested witness of the moral and intellectual progress, which has kept pace with the material advancement of the community. He has not only been a witness, however, but has been a most active participant in all that has wrought for beneficial change and, while promoting his individual success, has contributed in very large measure to the general prosperity of city and county. His intense and well directed activities have found their just reward, and the honor and integrity of his business methods have given him firm hold upon the respect and confidence of the people. His fellow townsmen say that too much cannot be said in praise of Mr. Hackworth as a promoter of the business interests of the city,

county and state. They recognize what he has done for Ottumwa and appreciate his efforts in its behalf—efforts that have at all times been resultant. He seems to see from the beginning the possibilities for any undertaking and is never satisfied until the utmost limit for successful accomplishment has been reached. He takes keen pleasure in solving complex industrial, commercial or financial problems and his is largely the joy of success in doing what he undertakes rather than in gaining material prosperity. Moreover, his efforts have always been of a character that have contributed largely to the material welfare of the community and thus his lifework has come to constitute a most important chapter in the history of his city and county.

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### A. G. HARROW.

In presenting to the public a history of the representative men of Ottumwa and the state of Iowa who have by superior force of character, energy and ability won for themselves conspicuous and commanding positions in private and public life, we find that by the consensus of public opinion none is more worthy to be cited as an example than A. G. Harrow. Not only has he maintained the highest standards in banking, but he also possesses in a high degree those excellencies of human nature that make men worthy of regard among their fellows. He is a high-minded man, progressive and reliable in business and keenly alive to all that tends toward the advancement and betterment of city, state and nation. He conducts operations of extended and weighty character and largely through his individual efforts has succeeded in making Ottumwa a commercial center. He is one of the native sons of the city and from pioneer times has been an interested witness of its growth and development. His birthplace was a little log cabin on a part of what was then the Harrow farm, comprising five hundred and six acres, the pioneer dwelling standing about where North Benton street crosses West Fourth street, and his natal day was December 3, 1852. His father, Francis M. Harrow, was a son of Charles F. Harrow and the latter was a pioneer of Wapello county. He was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, in 1800 and in 1821 he was united in marriage to Miss Grace Frame. In 1843 they removed to Wapello county and purchased a tract of land in the vicinity of

the present site of Ottumwa. The high school on West Fourth street is situated on a part of the original Harrow homestead. Charles F. Harrow, one of the first commissioners of Wapello county, was elected to that office in May, 1844.

His son Francis M. Harrow was born in Kentucky in 1826, came with his parents to this state and was married in Ottumwa on the 18th of February, 1852, to Miss Harriet F. Humphreys. Captain James Ward, the maternal great-great-grandfather of A. G. Harrow, was killed October 10, 1774, at the battle of Point Pleasant, at the mouth of the Great Kanawha river in Virginia, in a battle between the whites and the Indians. The whites were commanded by General Lewis and the red men by an Indian warrior named Cornstock. In that engagement two hundred were killed, it being the greatest battle fought up to that date between the two races. Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Harrow had three children, of whom one has passed away, the others being: Albert G.; and Frances M., the widow of Frederick Hanger, of Little Rock, Arkansas. The father passed away October 31, 1855, and the mother's death occurred on the 2d of February, 1864.

A. G. Harrow spent his youthful days under the parental roof and supplemented his public-school education acquired at Ottumwa at the Adams school by an academic course in the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames, which he attended in 1869-70, and a business course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Chicago in 1870. He was one of the promoters of the Johnston Ruffler Company, which was organized in 1871, and he was continuously identified with the business and its active management until it was sold to eastern parties in 1898. He was likewise one of the owners of the Ottumwa Iron Works and still retains an interest in the business, being treasurer of the company. He was one of the organizers of the Ottumwa National Bank and has been a member of its board of directors since 1887. In financial as well as industrial and commercial circles his name has figured prominently, and he is today recognized as a leading representative of banking interests in Iowa. In 1888 he assisted in the organization of the Ottumwa Savings Bank, of which he is one of the directors, and at the present time he is vice president of the Ottumwa National Bank and the Wapello County Savings Bank. His efforts in and connection with banking circles, however, have extended beyond the city in which he makes his home, for he is now president of the Hedrick State Bank at Hedrick;

vice president of the Farson Savings Bank at Farson; and also vice president of the Union Trust & Savings Bank at Farmington, Iowa. He is numbered among the directors of the Batavia Savings Bank at Batavia, Iowa, and is a stockholder in the First National Bank at Hedrick and in the Hedrick State Savings Bank. He is likewise a stockholder in the Blakesburg Savings Bank at Blakesburg, Iowa, and has done much to establish and maintain the banking system of his section of the state upon a safe, sound basis. While he is thoroughly progressive, he is at the same time conservative, maintaining an even balance between these two qualities. Extending his activities into other business fields, he is now secretary and treasurer of the Courier Printing Company, is a stockholder, director and vice president of the Davenport Times of Davenport, Iowa, and in 1904, in connection with leading business men of Ottumwa, he purchased a large interest in the Ottumwa Gas, Light, Heat & Power Company and in 1905, in connection with J. T. Hackworth of Ottumwa, he obtained control of the gas company, of which he was elected president, with Mr. Hackworth as secretary. He continued as chief executive officer until 1911, at which time they sold their holdings in the business to the United Light & Railway Company of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mr. Harrow was one of the twenty men who made it possible for the Dain Manufacturing Company to move to Ottumwa from Carrollton, Missouri. At an early day after its location here he became interested in the Dain Manufacturing Company financially and was a director in the same for ten years and at the time it was taken over by Deere & Company of Moline, Illinois, in May, 1911, he was the largest stockholder in the Dain Manufacturing Company next to the president. At the above mentioned time Hackworth and Harrow owned one hundred sixty-one thousand and eight hundred dollars—over one-fourth—of the capital stock of the company, which at that time was six hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Harrow is also a director of the Ottumwa Railway & Light Company and is largely interested in valuable business properties on Main street. He is a forceful and resourceful business man, ready to meet any emergency, and with the ability to co-ordinate seemingly diverse elements into a unified and harmonious whole.

On the 9th of October, 1877, Mr. Harrow was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Carpenter, a daughter of Colonel Seymour D. and Sarah (Weare) Carpenter. They have become



parents of a daughter, Mary Grace, who was married in Ottumwa, January 12, 1904, to J. Rudy Smith, of Little Rock, Arkansas, where they now reside. Their children are: Natalie Harrow and Stephen Harrow Smith. In his political views Mr. Harrow has ever been a stalwart republican. Socially he is connected with the Wapello Club and for two years was president of that organization. He has been associated with Mr. Hackworth in business for a period of forty-three years and the relations between them have ever been of the most cordial character. They both stand as representative men of the city and have contributed largely to its upbuilding and progress along many lines. Mr. Harrow is a representative of one of the oldest families here and at all times has taken an active and helpful part in promoting public progress and in contributing to the general welfare. His name stands as a synonym for energy, enterprise and business integrity and what he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of the innate talents which are his. There is no dissenting voice when Mr. Harrow is mentioned as one of the leading, influential and honored residents of Ottumwa. His opinions have long carried weight not only in business affairs but in public matters as well. All know that he never sacrifices the public welfare to individual interests. Progress and patriotism might well be termed the keynote of his character and one never overshadows the other in his life work.

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### HARRISON LYMAN WATERMAN.

Harrison Lyman Waterman, a resident of Iowa since the fall of 1865, has been an active factor in the business circles of Ottumwa and a recognized leader in the ranks of his party. He was born in Croydon, New Hampshire, November 19, 1840, a son of Lyman and Lucy (Carroll) Waterman. He is a descendant of Robert Waterman, who emigrated from Norwich, England, about 1632, first settling in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and afterwards moving to Marshfield, where on December 9, 1638, he married Elizabeth Bourne, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Bourne. A son, Sergeant Thomas Waterman, born November 30, 1644, was one of the founders of Norwich, Connecticut. Here the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch was born January 22, 1745. He was a soldier in the War of the Revolution



*R. L. Waterman*

president of the First National Bank, and his enterprise, ambition and industry, places him in the foremost ranks of the business men of the city.

On the 9th of October, 1879, Mr. Waterman was married to Miss Alice Hill, daughter of Newton C. and Mary (Blake) Hill, both pioneer residents of Wapello county. He has one son by a former marriage, Philip Hammond Waterman, who is general superintendent of the Wapello Coal Company and lives in Albia, Monroe county, Iowa. He has three grandchildren, Harrison Bell, David Clay and Alice Louise Waterman.

Mr. Waterman has been called to several public positions, having been mayor of Ottumwa from 1880 to 1884. He was also state senator from Wapello county from 1893 to 1897, and he has been chairman of the board of waterworks trustees since the purchase of the waterworks by the city in December, 1910. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, Grand Army of the Republic, Loyal Legion, Sons of the American Revolution, Commercial Association, Wapello Club and the Ottumwa Country Club.

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### MRS. ALICE HILL WATERMAN.

Prompted by motives which have found expression in practical and tangible service for the benefit of mankind, Mrs. Alice (Hill) Waterman has left the impress of her individuality upon the community in which she has long made her home. Her broad mind, her culture and her keen intellect have constituted her a force for good and if she had accomplished nothing else save being largely instrumental in the establishment of a hospital and giving over twenty years of service to its growth and development, that would be sufficient to entitle her to especial mention.

She was born in Ottumwa January 6, 1855, a daughter of Newton C. and Mary C. (Blake) Hill, who were pioneer residents of Wapello county, the latter coming to Ottumwa with her father's family in early childhood. The father was a son of William and Achsa (Vestal) Hill and was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, May 15, 1821. In 1843 he came to Ottumwa and his last days were spent in Pasadena, California, where his death occurred January 17, 1906. His wife was born in Minden, Prussia, January 15, 1826, and when eleven years of age came to America with her father's family. They first located in Indiana,



*Alice H. Waterson*





but in 1844 arrived in Ottumwa, Iowa, and it was in that city that Mary C. Blake gave her hand in marriage to Newton C. Hill on the 17th of October, 1847. He was a carpenter and contractor and took contracts for the erection of many of the early buildings of Ottumwa. He was active in all public affairs of the young town, holding different offices at various times until 1857, when he removed from the county seat to a farm which he had purchased, then situated a mile and a half from the town. Today, however, the street cars pass the old home and the Sisters Academy is located on the northeast corner of his tract of land. Mr. Hill ever kept abreast of the times in his up-to-date methods of farming and stock-raising and did much to improve the grade of cattle and sheep raised in this part of the county, his shorthorn cattle and merino sheep being prize stock. Mr. Hill was the first man to be made a Mason in Wapello county and in his life he exemplified the beneficent spirit of the craft, recognizing the brotherhood of mankind and seeking at all times to promote a spirit of helpfulness among his fellows.

Unto him and his wife were born nine children. Frances, the eldest, died at the age of four years. Albert, born February 22, 1851, married Jennie McCormack on the 11th of March, 1891, and they had two children, Newton Robert and Charlotte. Albert Hill's death occurred May 1, 1908. Anna, born April 30, 1853, was married October 21, 1896, to Wade Kirkpatrick and they now live in Hedrick, Iowa. Alice, born January 6, 1855, became wife of H. L. Waterman on the 9th of October, 1879, and has since been a resident of Ottumwa. Charles William, born January 8, 1857, married Frances McCarroll on the 27th of February, 1892, in Kirkville, Iowa. They reside in Boise, Idaho, with a daughter, Helen, who was born May 30, 1897. Emma, born July 14, 1859, became the wife of C. E. Bedwell on the 18th of May, 1882, and they have six children; Mary, became the wife of R. A. McNown and has three children, Eleanor, Robert and Richard; Edgar Hill, married Elizabeth Smith; Harry Waterman, died at the age of three years, and Ralph, Louise and Charlotte, who complete the family, reside with their parents in Omaha, Nebraska. Horace Hill, born February 23, 1861, lives in Lewistown, Montana, and Laura and Nellie died in infancy. The father of this family, Newton C. Hill, was always deeply interested in educational matters and strove to give his children good opportunities in that direction. He also did much to improve Center District No. 1, the banner school district in the

'60s and '70s. For years he served as school director and took great pride in selecting competent teachers.

Alice (Hill) Waterman on account of financial conditions found it impossible to carry out her cherished desire of attending college, so after completing the school course, which she did at the age of eighteen years, she began teaching in the Center school in the fall of 1874. After being thus engaged for two years she was chosen one of the teachers of the Ottumwa public schools in the fall of 1877 and taught the sixth grade in the old Adams school for two years.

On the 9th of October, 1879, at Oakland Farm, Ottumwa, Alice Hill gave her hand in marriage to H. L. Waterman, who by a former marriage had a son, Philip H., who has ever felt for Mrs. Waterman the deep attachment and love given to an own mother. His children, too, have been very dear to her, bringing to her the delight of being a grandmother.

Her parents uniting with the Methodist Episcopal church, she, too, became a member of that denomination and has worked most earnestly in all of the different societies of the church, the Sunday school, however, claiming her greatest effort. For years she was superintendent of the intermediate department of the Sunday school in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Ottumwa, and it was largely through her efforts that it was converted into a graded school.

At different times Mrs. Waterman has been connected with clubs, but has never been active in that line of effort. She has been an earnest worker in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, however, and for one year was state treasurer. Her efforts in the founding and promotion of the Ottumwa Hospital have been, outside of her home, the thing to which she has devoted the greater part of her time and attention.

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### WILLIAM DENNY.

William Denny is proprietor of a general store in Dahlonga and is also identified with agricultural interests in Dahlonga township. He was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, August 12, 1857, and is a son of Benjamin and Martha (Brooks) Denny, the former a native of England and the latter of Ohio. The father came to America when twenty-one years of age and for a time

remained in the state of New York. Later, however, he came to Iowa and was married in this state in the '40s. Here he resided until his death, remaining continuously upon the farm which he entered from the government. It was a tract of wild land when it came into his possession, not a furrow having been turned nor an improvement made upon it, but with characteristic energy he began its development and continued its cultivation until his demise, which occurred in 1905. His widow still survives and is now in the eighty-third year of her age. In their family were nine children: Matilda and John, both of whom have passed away; George, living on the old homestead in Keokuk county, Iowa; Rachel, the wife of T. J. Williams, also of Keokuk county; Samuel, now in Kansas; William, of this review; Alice, the wife of A. Sykes of Des Moines; Frank and T. J., who have passed away.

William Denny was reared upon the old homestead with the usual experiences of the farm lad, the public schools according him his educational advantages, while thorough training in farm work made him familiar with the best methods of cultivating the fields. However, believing that he would prefer a commercial career, he turned his attention to merchandising by the establishment of a general store in Dahlonga. He carries a large and well selected stock and is accorded a liberal patronage. He is also identified with agricultural interests, being the owner of two hundred and thirty-six acres of rich and productive land on sections 4, 8, 9 and 16 in Dahlonga township. He was also postmaster of the village for a quarter of a century.

In 1883 Mr. Denny was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Goehring, who was born in Dahlonga, August 15, 1865, and is a daughter of Louis and Helen (Fisher) Goehring, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Pennsylvania. They were among the pioneer settlers of Wapello county, arriving in 1852. From that time until death called them they retained their residence here, and in this county they reared their family of seven children, all of whom yet survive. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Denny were born nine children: Benjamin L., who is a merchant of Highland Center; Thomas F., who follows farming in Dahlonga township; William D., also a farmer; Philip H., who is with his father in business; Leslie D., at home; Mary R., who was born December 15, 1898, and died October 22, 1908; Victor S.; Lillian R.; and Harold G. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Denny holds membership with the



Woodman of the World. When he acquired the right to vote, having attained his majority, he became a supporter of Democratic principles and for fourteen years has served as township clerk. He has given practical proof of his interest in the welfare of the public schools as he has served as secretary of the school board for twenty years. He is always loyal to the best interests of the community, but prefers that office holding shall be done by others rather than by himself. This leaves him free to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, and the capable management of his interests has brought him a substantial measure of success.

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### THOMAS DOVE FOSTER.

Thomas Dove Foster, chairman of John Morrell & Company, Limited, has been prominently identified with the business interests of that well known British packing company since August, 1865. He is today one of its best known and most important representatives on this side the Atlantic. He makes his home in Ottumwa and from this point controls important business interests.

He was born at Bradford, Yorkshire, England, November 25, 1847, a son of William and Mary (Morrell) Foster. His education was acquired in public and private schools of England and Ireland, but he did not graduate. However, the honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him by Lennox College of Hopkinton, Iowa, in 1906. His initial step in the business world was made in connection with the pork-packing business and general merchandising at Castlecomer, in County Kilkenny, Ireland, under his father, and he was employed by the firm of John Morrell & Company of Liverpool, England, in August, 1865. After three years spent in the firm's employ at Liverpool he was transferred by the company to the New York branch in July, 1868, and, advancing steadily from one position to another of greater importance and responsibility, he came, in April, 1872, to the position of general manager of the firm's business in the United States and Canada. In May, 1893, he was further advanced, becoming chairman of John Morrell & Company, Limited, which position he now holds, and in this connection is directing the policies and interests of the business

on this side the Atlantic, bending his efforts to administrative direction and executive control.

Mr. Foster has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Eliza M. Thompson, daughter of William S. Thompson, the wedding being celebrated at Brooklyn, New York, on the 3d of October, 1872. Following her death, which took place in 1879, he married, on the 19th of August, 1885, in Washington, Pennsylvania, Miss Eliza J. McClelland, a daughter of George McClelland. His children are: William H. T., who married Jeanette Pattison; T. Henry, who wedded Mary Bulger; Ann L. A., the wife of Rev. D. A. Murray, D. D.; Ellen M.; George McClelland, who wedded Mary Sluts; Edith M., the wife of Rev. H. S. Huntington, Jr.; Florence D.; and John M.

Mr. Foster is a member of the East End Presbyterian church, to the support of which he contributes generously, and in its work is actively interested. He is at present president of the board of trustees of Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, but he has held no political offices. He served, however, as a member of the Iowa state board of education from July 1, 1909, until June 30, 1911. He belongs to the Union League Club of Chicago and is widely known in business circles in various sections of the country. Association through business or otherwise has brought him many friends wherever he is known. His record is creditable and commendable, for through successive stages of promotion he has advanced to a prominent position in the business world.

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### H. H. HARROLD.

H. H. Harrold, who in 1911 became identified with the Eddyville Savings Bank, is now cashier of that institution. He was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, March 29, 1882, and is a son of J. G. and Eleanor (Evans) Harrold. The father is a native of Mahaska county, Iowa, while the mother's birth occurred in Jones county, this state. Both are now residents of Oskaloosa. In their family were two children, but Paul, the younger, is now deceased. The father is engaged in the life-insurance business and is well known in Oskaloosa and that section of the state.

H. H. Harrold at the usual age became a pupil in the public schools, passing through the consecutive grades until graduated from the Oskaloosa high school. Later he continued his studies in Penn College and made his initial step in the business world as a bookkeeper in a bank at Oskaloosa, where he remained for some time. Subsequently he became assistant cashier in the Oskaloosa National Bank, in which he continued for several years. In November, 1911, he removed to Eddyville, where he has since been an active factor in the management of the Eddyville Savings Bank, of which he is now the cashier. His previous training has well qualified him for the responsible duties that devolve upon him in this connection and under his guidance the bank has made steady progress, becoming one of the safe and solid financial institutions of the county.

In his political views Mr. Harrold is an earnest republican but has never been an aspirant for office. He belongs to Eddyville Lodge, No. 74, F. & A. M., and to Chapter No. 99 of the Eastern Star. He is a member of Lodge No. 340, B. P. O. E., Oskaloosa, Iowa, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is widely recognized as a fine business man, alert, capable, energetic and enterprising, and he is well liked by all who have dealings with him.

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### A. J. AND L. C. MITCHELL.

A. J. and L. C. Mitchell constitute the well known Ottumwa law firm of Mitchell & Mitchell. The father, John R. Mitchell, who was born in Indiana in 1853, passed away in Missouri in 1896 at the comparatively early age of forty-three years. He too was a member of the bar and practiced in Grant City, Missouri, where he was widely recognized as a prominent attorney. His wife bore the maiden name of Addie F. Fouts and is now living with her sons, A. J. and L. C. Mitchell, who are her only children.

A. J. Mitchell was born in Worth county, Missouri, in September, 1883, and was educated in the common schools of that county and in the West Des Moines high school, in which he completed a course with the class of 1902. He next entered the liberal arts department of Drake University and was graduated therefrom in 1905. The following year was spent as a student

in the law department of the same institution, after which he went to the Philippines and was school supervisor there for the government from 1906 until 1912, doing much to further the interests of education among the people of that country. At length he returned to his native land and settled in Tacoma, Washington, there engaging in the practice of law for a year in partnership with Charles Arnold. On the 30th of May, 1913, he came to Ottumwa and opened a law office in connection with his brother. In the intervening period they have gained a clientage that is becoming more and more extensive and important. A. J. Mitchell is also connected with R. G. Dun & Company as assistant manager of the local office and gives much of his attention to the interests of the company which he represents.

In 1909 Mr. Mitchell married Miss Kathryn Conwell, a native of Chillicothe, Iowa, and a daughter of Albert Conwell, a resident farmer of the state. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mitchell are now the parents of a daughter, Ramona. They are members of the Catholic church, and Mr. Mitchell also holds membership with the Knights of Columbus. His political allegiance is given to the progressive branch of the republican party, and he stands for advancement at all times, whether political or otherwise. He is a member of the Commercial Law League and of the Commercial Association, and his interests find expression in practical efforts for progress and advancement along many lines.

L. C. Mitchell, junior partner of the law firm of Mitchell & Mitchell, was born on a farm in Worth county, Missouri, March 30, 1887, and was educated in the common schools and in the public schools of Des Moines, completing a course in the West Des Moines high school by graduation with the class of 1906. He too eagerly embraced his opportunities for further educational advancement and completed a liberal arts course in Drake University with the class of 1909. He also finished a one year's law course in 1909, after which he went to Colorado, where he proved up a homestead on Routt county, a property which he still owns. He afterward devoted a year to the study of law in the University of Colorado and then took up the profession of teaching in the Alamosa (Colorado) high school. He afterward completed his law studies in the University of California as a student in its law department, known as the School of Jurisprudence. There he was graduated in the spring of 1913 and immediately afterward he came to Ottumwa, where he began practice and where he has since been located.



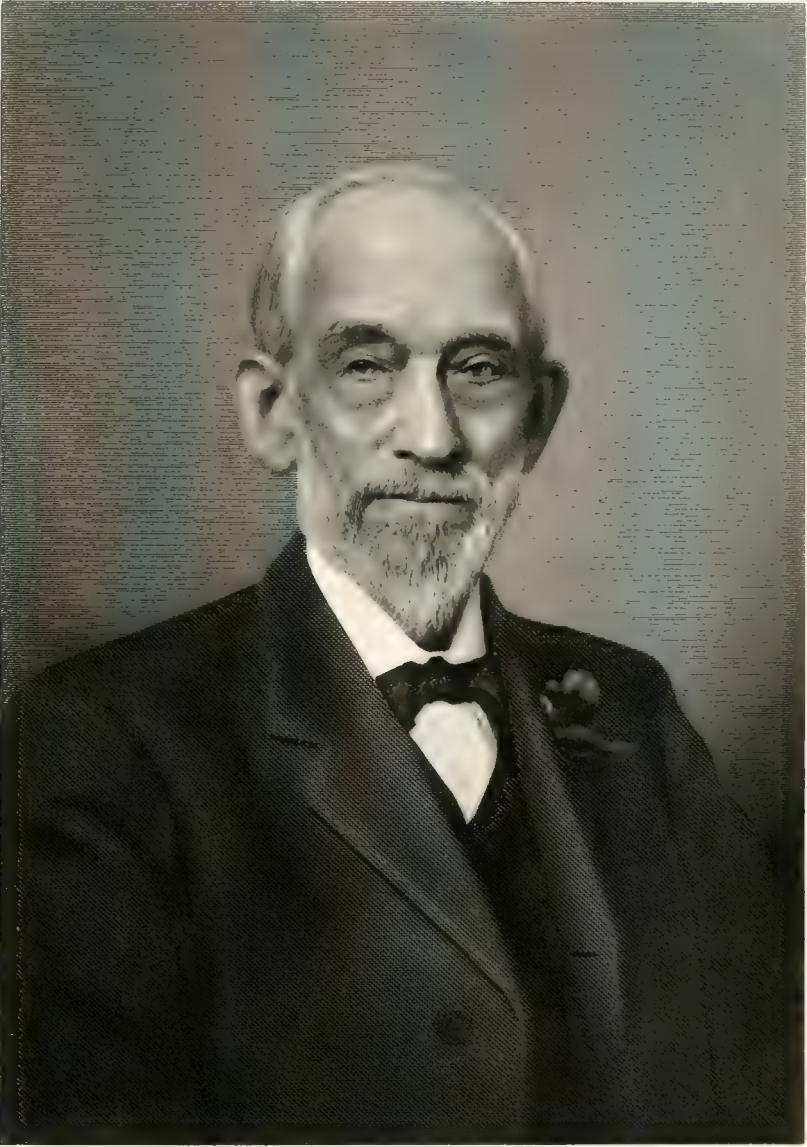
The firm is enjoying a good law business, and their devotion to the best interests of their clients insures them not only of its continuance but also promises well for the growth of their practice. L. C. Mitchell also teaches in the Iowa Success Business College, being an instructor in commercial law. He is a member of the Commercial Association and is in hearty sympathy with all movements and measures for the public good. His political indorsement is given to the democratic party, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. His life has been well spent and, characterized by industry, determination and laudable ambition, has brought him to a creditable place as a representative of the Iowa bar.

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### ALVIN COE LEIGHTON.

The substantial development and improvement of Ottumwa are due in no small measure to Alvin Coe Leighton. He was born in Manchester, Scott county, Illinois, June 2, 1839, his parents being Joseph and Mary L. (Coe) Leighton. His great-grandfather, Tobias Leighton IV, was born in Kittery, Maine, August 31, 1742, and passed away in 1818 at Harmony, Maine, whither he had gone with his son James, the grandfather of A. C. Leighton, to establish a mill. Tobias Leighton was a soldier in the French and Indian war, serving in 1758 and 1759. He was present at the capture of Lewisburg and his military experience at that time proved an excellent training school for him in preparation for his later arduous duties of a military character, for at the time of the outbreak of the Revolutionary war he enlisted in the Thirtieth Maine Regiment, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill. When his first term of service expired he was mustered out, but later re-enlisted under General Washington.

Joseph Leighton, the father of Alvin Coe Leighton, was a native of Harmony, Maine. He learned the carpenter's trade in early life and was connected with building operations for many years. Attracted by the opportunities of the growing west, he became a resident of Scott county, Illinois, in 1836 and in 1841 established his home in Des Moines county, Iowa. There he resided until Wapello county was opened for settlement May 1, 1843, when he entered a claim from the government and devoted the succeeding three years to its development and improvement.



A. C. Leighton



In 1844-45 he was active in the building of Meeks' mill at Bonaparte, Iowa, after which he removed to Ottumwa, where he was elected county treasurer in the fall of 1846. At that time the office carried with it the duties of both treasurer and recorder. The work perhaps was not especially heavy, however, for at that time Ottumwa contained but eighteen houses and the entire county was but sparsely settled. At the close of his first term he was re-elected and served until 1851. In that year Ottumwa received its charter as a city and Mr. Leighton was chosen the first city assessor, while the following year he was elected treasurer. During the years 1854 and 1855 he served as a member of the board of city trustees, and in 1856 popular franchise again placed him in the office of city assessor. In 1851 he embarked in general merchandising with Dr. C. C. Warden, conducting stores in both Ottumwa and Blakesburg. When the partnership was dissolved in 1853 Mr. Leighton retained ownership of the Blakesburg store and after disposing of his interests there turned his attention to the real-estate business. He also occupied the position of justice of the peace for a short time prior to his death, in 1858. His political allegiance in early life was given to the democratic party, but with the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska bill he joined the ranks of the new republican party.

Joseph Leighton was married in 1838 to Miss Mary L. Coe, who was born in Greene county, Illinois, in 1821. They became the parents of three sons and three daughters, of whom Alvin C. is the eldest. Mr. Leighton's mother survived all of her children except himself and passed away October 15, 1905, at the age of eighty-four years, three months and twenty days. She had resided in Iowa for sixty-four years and in Wapello county and Ottumwa for sixty-two years. She was only thirty-seven years of age when her husband died and devoted the remainder of her life faithfully to rearing and caring for her children. There were beside our subject five children, as follows: Ann Elizabeth, born at Dodgeville, Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1841 and died in Compentine township, this county, in 1845; James, born in Compentine township November 16, 1844, and died December 15, 1882; Joseph, born in Ottumwa, February 1, 1848, and died September 1, 1888; Mary Emily, born in Ottumwa, October 9, 1851, and died February 15, 1890; and Abby, born in Ottumwa, August 25, 1854, and died in Ottumwa in 1904. Mrs. Leighton was a kind and loving mother, a devout Christian and died beloved by all. One brother, six grandchildren and five



great-grandchildren survive her. She is buried in the beautiful Ottumwa cemetery, surrounded by her husband and her sons, daughters and grandchildren who passed away before her.

Alvin C. Leighton was a little lad of not four summers when brought by his parents to Wapello county on the 1st of May, 1843, and was a youth of seventeen years when, in 1856, he made his way westward to the Missouri river. He remained upon the plains until 1878 and since that time has continued in Ottumwa, being today one of its citizens. His efforts have been of large value in upbuilding and improving the city. Soon after his return he purchased what is now the Leighton block on Market street and erected an addition thereto. He also erected a number of other buildings and continued in the real-estate business, handling his own property only. He has been connected with the Coal Palace, the Opera House and the Wapello County Agricultural Society and he aided in securing the building of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad through Ottumwa. He has co-operated in every movement that has for its object the benefit of the city, and his aid can always be counted upon to further any progressive plan.

Mr. Leighton was united in marriage in Baltimore, June 2, 1874, to Miss Mary T. Benson, who was born in that city in 1851 and is a daughter of Benjamin S. Benson. The latter was a foundryman and inventor of Baltimore and there died a number of years ago. He possessed marked mechanical skill and ingenuity and in his boyhood invented a water ram. He manufactured all the piano plates used by the Knabe Piano Company, but his principal business was the manufacture of water and gas pipe. He was also one of the original founders of the Maryland Institute. His grandson and namesake, Benjamin S. Benson, occupied offices in the Leighton block but now resides in Los Angeles, California.

In his political views Mr. Leighton is a democrat, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, as he has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and the supervision of his investments. He possesses many sterling traits of character, and a social disposition has made him popular with those who come within the circle of his friendship. He is a gentleman of the old school. He is courteous, jovial and entertaining and his friends always look forward with pleasure to a visit at his home. He holds

friendship inviolable and is most loyal to those who give him their confidence and their regard.

Mr. Leighton can safely be called an old resident of Iowa, having made his home in this state from 1841 to 1914. He has resided in Wapello county and Ottumwa since May 1, 1843, the day the Indians were to leave. Thus he resided seventy-three years in the state and seventy-one years in Wapello county.

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### W. D. DAVIS.

W. D. Davis, a member of the Ottumwa bar, was born in Wayne county, Iowa, in October, 1864. His father, D. M. Davis, was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, January 2, 1841, and made farming his life work. He wedded Lucretia Lynch, who was born in Indiana, July 4, 1846, and passed away on the 17th of March, 1910. Their family numbered five children: W. D., of this review; D. L., who is living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Emma, the wife of John Langford of Lucas county, Iowa; Ruby, the wife of Scott Adamson of Lucas county; and Mrs. Kate Briles, also of Lucas county.

At the usual age W. D. Davis became a public-school pupil and eventually entered the high school at Corydon, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1886. A review of the great field of business led him to the conclusion that he would prefer a professional career, and with this end in view he began the study of law, but before being admitted to practice he drifted into the newspaper business and at different times was connected with newspaper publication in Corydon, Eldora, Odebolt, Bloomfield, Pulaski and Eldon, this covering a period of twenty years. At length he disposed of the Eldon Forum in September, 1909, for on the 3d of June, of the same year, he was admitted to the bar. However, he had previously been associated with Adelbert Christy in law practice at Eldon for some time. In August, 1910, he removed to Ottumwa and entered into partnership with E. P. Henry, a graduate of Drake University, who, however, was called back to the farm on account of his father's illness. Since that time Mr. Davis has practiced alone and is now one of the well known representatives of the Ottumwa bar. In different localities he has held public office, serving for two years as city clerk of Eldon, while at the present time he is a

candidate for the office of county attorney of Wapello county. His political allegiance has always been given the democratic party.

On the 2d of November, 1888, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Althea Noel, who was born in Davis county, this state, a daughter of P. A. Noel, a farmer. To this union were born seven children: Bert, who is engaged in the newspaper business in Eldon; Walter, a printer of that place; W. D., Jr., who is also in Eldon; Roe, who is married and lives in Eldon; Noel, also of Eldon; Nellie, the wife of Carl Finney; and Lou. Mr. Davis was married August 25, 1913, to Minnie Shafer, who was born in Davis county, a daughter of Edward Shafer, who is still living, although her mother passed away.

Mr. Davis is identified with several fraternal organizations, holding membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a member of the Christian church and while in the newspaper business, as well as at the present time, he always exercised his influence as a factor for development, progress, improvement and justice.

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### MARTIN B. HUTCHISON.

The name of Martin B. Hutchison has been a familiar one in banking and lumber circles in Wapello county for many years. He is now, however, concentrating his energies upon the lumber trade and has a line of yards in this section of the state, making his headquarters, however, at Ottumwa. He was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1860. His father, Joseph Hutchison, likewise a native of the Keystone state, was born in 1828 and there spent his entire life, following the occupation of farming. He wedded Mary M. Scott, who was born in Bedford, Pennsylvania, in 1829 and is still living in that state. Their family numbered eight children, six of whom survive. All those surviving with the exception of our subject are still residents of Pennsylvania.

It was in the common schools of his native state that Martin B. Hutchison pursued his early education, which was supplemented by two years' study in Lafayette College at Easton, Pennsylvania. In November, 1882, he arrived at Ottumwa and

entered at once upon active connection with the banking business in this city, becoming collector for the Ottumwa National Bank. A year later he was promoted to the position of bookkeeper, in which capacity he continued for two years and was then advanced to cashier, occupying that position of responsibility for seven years. On leaving that position he went to Chicago, where he engaged in business for a year. At the end of that period, however, he returned to Ottumwa and accepted the cashiership of the First National Bank, remaining in that position for eleven years. In the meantime he had assisted in organizing the Union Trust & Savings Bank, of which he was made cashier and director. He was also a director during the entire eleven years of his connection with the First National Bank.

In 1903, however, on account of failing health he resigned his position with the bank and turned his attention to the lumber business, which would enable him to spend more time out of doors, avoiding the close confinement incident to the banking business. He then organized the M. B. Hutchison Lumber Company, of which he has since been the head. This is today a large concern, having extended its activities from town to town until yards have now been established and are being successfully conducted at Ottumwa, Batavia, Libertyville, Stockport and Hillsboro. Since leaving the bank in 1903 Mr. Hutchison has devoted his entire time to the lumber business save for three years, from 1908 until 1911, when he was again with the First National as vice president, devoting a part of his time to the bank. He found, however, that his entire time was required by the lumber trade, and he then permanently severed his connections with the bank as an active factor in control and management. However, he is still the vice president and director of the Union Trust & Savings Bank and also a director of the First National. He is likewise a stockholder in the Ottumwa Automobile Company, but his energies are concentrated chiefly upon the lumber trade, in which he has already built up a business of gratifying proportions. The policy of the company is one which bears close investigation and scrutiny, and his enterprise has brought him into close touch with the more important trade interests of the state.

On the 25th of April, 1888, Mr. Hutchison was united in marriage to Miss Inez B. Jordan, a daughter of W. A. Jordan, and they became parents of two children: Margaret, the wife of L. M. B. Morrissey of Minneapolis; and Elizabeth, a student



in the high school. The family attend the Presbyterian church, in which the parents hold membership, and for almost a quarter of a century continuously he has been one of the church trustees. His political allegiance is given the Republican party and, while he has never sought nor desired office, he has always cooperated in measures of value to the community. He is president of the board of education, has been a director of the Commercial Association and for one year was its president. He also belongs to the Wapello and Country Clubs and is widely and favorably known as a factor for progress in the business, social, intellectual and moral interests of city and county. He has been connected almost continuously with Ottumwa since 1882 and is today accounted one of her most valued citizens.

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### SMITH AUGUSTUS SPILMAN, M. D.

Prominent among the leading physicians of his section of the state is Dr. Smith Augustus Spilman, of Ottumwa. In a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit he has steadily worked his way upward, promoting his skill and ability by study abroad. He is now largely specializing in surgery and is a member of the consulting staff of the Ottumwa Hospital.

Dr. Spilman was born in Jennings county, Indiana, March 6, 1853. He had three great-grandfathers who were soldiers of the Revolutionary war and one of the number held the rank of captain. John D. Spilman, father of Dr. Spilman, was born in Kentucky in 1823 and made farming his life work. After living for some time in Indiana he brought his family to Wapello county, Iowa, in November, 1871, and settled on a farm in Highland township, where he passed away in August, 1876. He married Amelia Percival, who was born in Kentucky in 1825 and died in 1881. She was a descendant of Captain Percival, of whom mention has been made above. John D. Spilman was a soldier of the Civil war and one of his sons, T. P. Spilman, enlisted for service in the Union army at the age of sixteen years and had risen to the rank of major some months before he attained the age of twenty years. He enlisted with the Fifty-second Indiana volunteers and at the close of hostilities was major in the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Indiana. He was also inspector



*S. A. Spikhusen M.D.*



general of the troops in Delaware and on the eastern shore of Maryland. The family of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Spilman numbered eleven children, five of whom are yet living: Major T. P. Spilman, now a resident of Wapello; Smith A.; J. H., living in Highland township; Miss Dorinda R. Spilman, of Ottumwa; and H. M., of Bigelow, Missouri.

Dr. Spilman was educated in the common schools of Indiana and in a private school and completed the work that usually constitutes the high school curriculum. He afterward engaged in teaching for several terms in Wapello and Keokuk counties and then entered what is now the Northwestern University Medical School, from which he was graduated on the 4th of March, 1879. He then entered upon general practice, in which he continued for many years, but now confines his practice largely to surgery and consultation work. He spent some time in New York city, doing post-graduate work, and also pursued special work in Vienna, coming under the instruction of some of the eminent physicians and surgeons of the old world. He has been a constant student of his profession, broadening his knowledge by wide reading and investigation and keeping in touch with the best thinking men of the age through the dissemination of knowledge in books and in the medical societies. He belongs to the Wapello County Medical Society and the Des Moines Valley Medical Association, of which he was secretary for six years and president for one term. He likewise holds membership with the Iowa State Medical Association and with the American Medical Association. In addition to his private practice he is acting as a member of the consulting staff of the Ottumwa Hospital, and is local surgeon for several railroads.

On the 23d of September, 1873, Dr. Spilman was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Kizer, who was born in Decatur county, Indiana, where the marriage took place, her parents being John and Martha (Woodfill) Kizer, both now deceased. The father was a farmer. To Dr. and Mrs. Spilman was born a daughter, Martha, now the wife of H. O. Bowen of Bellingham, Washington. Mrs. Spilman passed away in 1876 and in December, 1879, Dr. Spilman wedded Miss Mary Ball, a native of Jefferson county, Iowa, and a daughter of Joseph Ball. She died March 4, 1881, and on the 29th of December, 1886, Dr. Spilman married Miss Alice Sellers, who was born in Topeka, Kansas, a daughter of J. C. Sellers, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, now deceased. The only living child of this marriage is Dr. Harold A.



Spilman, who is practicing medicine in Ottumwa. He was married September 10, 1912, to Miss Myra Lawrence, of Decatur, Michigan. There was one son who died in infancy.

Dr. Spilman gives his political support to the republican party and has always been a staunch advocate of its principles, but never an aspirant for office. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his fraternal relations are with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias, while along more strictly social lines he is connected with the Wapello and the Country Clubs. Entertaining high professional ideas, Dr. Spilman has constantly striven to reach their level and is today one of the eminent and capable physicians and surgeons of Iowa, while at the same time his many friends appreciate his attractive social qualities and enjoy his companionship.

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### FRANK KUSSART.

Frank Kussart is the popular postmaster of Eddyville, having entered upon his duties in August, 1913. He is a conscientious official, thoroughly efficient, courteous and obliging, and has made many friends since entering office. He was born on the border between Monroe and Mahaska counties on December 26, 1873, and is a son of Jacob and Sarah A. (Phillips) Kussart, natives of Pennsylvania, where the father was born in 1843 and where they were married. The former followed farming throughout his active life and since his retirement in 1900 has lived in Eddyville. In their family are eight living children: Jeanette, the wife of G. A. De Tar; Charles, of Eddyville; Jacob, of Colorado; E. G., of California; Frank, our subject; Lucy, who married S. A. Shawver of Eddyville; Edward, of California; and Eva Mary, the wife of Fred Grimes of Cedar Rapids, this state.

Frank Kussart acquired his education in the common schools and the Eddyville high school, from which he graduated with the class of 1894. He then entered the Medical College of Kansas City, which he attended for two years, but left at the end of that time in order to take up the active duties of life. He engaged in the restaurant business in Eddyville, in which he successfully continued until 1912. He proved himself an able business man and in August, 1913, was appointed postmaster of

Eddyville under the Wilson administration. While he is a man of executive ability he has a great capacity for detail and has his office well systematized. He is always courteous and obliging to his patrons, and those who have transactions with the post-office speak of him in the highest terms of commendation.

On August 18, 1898, Mr. Kussart married Miss Amanda Savilla Meeker, a daughter of W. T. and Sarah (Davis) Meeker, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kussart have two children: Leroy Mason, a student in the high school; and Anna Madge, who is also in the high school. Mr. Kussart is a democrat and has always given his support to that party, being thoroughly in sympathy with its principles, its ideals, its aims and its purposes. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally is a member of the blue lodge of Masons, the Eastern Star, the Modern Woodmen of America, and Homestead Lodge, No. 98, of the Brotherhood of American Yeoman. He is a useful and public-spirited citizen who not only thinks of his own progress but is considerate of the interests of others and is always ready to contribute his share to such efforts as are made in order to promote the welfare of the community.

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### PATRICK LEENY.

Patrick Leeny, mayor of Ottumwa, is actuated in all of his public service by an unfaltering devotion to the general good that has its root in a belief that patriotism finds its best expression in a helpful attitude toward municipal and civic interests.

He was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1871, a son of John and Rebecca Leeny, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Iowa. In their family were five children, who were left motherless when Patrick Leeny was a little lad of seven years. Since her death Ottumwa's present mayor has earned his own living and though difficulties and obstacles have confronted him, seemingly at times almost insurmountable, he has steadily pursued his way and has gained not only a fair measure of success, but also more than local distinction in connection with public affairs. His educational opportunities were only such as the common schools afforded, and even then the necessity of providing for his own support prevented him from attending school to the age when most boys put aside their text-books. He was early

employed in carrying water to section hands employed by the railroad company, and when he was seventeen years of age he became a brakeman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and afterward worked as a switchman on the same road. He was connected with railway interests until called to public office, and he is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, belonging to the local organization, No. 537. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has given his allegiance to the democratic party, and upon that ticket he was elected alderman of the sixth ward, and in 1913 was elected to the office of mayor on the commission form of government, with ten candidates in the field. Notwithstanding that both newspapers and all of the banks were against him, Mr. Leeny was elected. He made his canvass upon the question of equality between the rich and poor, without discrimination in favor of either. He holds to progressive ideas, getting far away from the old belief that party lines must be strictly followed and that party welfare is above the right of the individual citizen.

In 1891 Mr. Leeny was united in marriage to Miss Mary Summers, a native of Wapello county, and to them have been born two children, Agnes and James A., but death claimed their first born. The son and his mother are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Leeny is connected with various fraternal organizations, belonging to the Moose, the Eagles, the Red Men, the Maccabees and the Yeomen. In all of those lodges he is well known and prominent. He may truly be called a self-made man, for his advancement has come as the direct result of his capability, his earnestness, his industry and his laudable ambition. Gradually he has worked his way upward and he stands today among those whose worth is recognized and whose work has been of practical value to the city of his residence.

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### MORRIS W. CHRISTIE.

Morris W. Christie, one of Ottumwa's native sons, is prominently known in business circles as an insurance, real-estate and loan agent, with offices at No. 105 North Court street. In this connection he has built up a large and gratifying business and has won the confidence and good-will of his colleagues and contemporaries in business circles. He was born April 8, 1883, a

son of William S. Christie, who was a native of Watertown, New York, born July 1, 1849. He came to Ottumwa in 1872 and the following year opened an insurance office, in which line of business he continued with growing success to the time of his death, on the 17th of August, 1912. He married Julia Hill Alexander, a representative of one of the old pioneer families of this city, her birth having occurred in Ottumwa, April 28, 1848, while on the 10th of May, 1906, she passed away at the age of fifty-eight years. Her father, John Alexander, came by wagon from Kentucky to Iowa and aided in the reclamation of Wapello county for the purposes of civilization. Making investments from time to time, he eventually became the owner of a large amount of land in this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. William S. Christie were born three children: William W., whose birth occurred May 17, 1878, and who is now a resident of Portland, Oregon; Morris W.; and Elizabeth, who was born January 24, 1886, and died on the 26th of April, 1889.

At the usual age Morris W. Christie became a pupil in the public schools of Ottumwa, in which he passed through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school with the class of 1902. He next entered the University of Minnesota, in which he spent two years, and later was a student for two years in the State University of Washington at Seattle. Upon his mother's death he returned home and soon afterward entered into the insurance business with his father, becoming his successor. He is now conducting an extensive and profitable business in insurance, real estate, loans and rentals, occupying well appointed offices at No. 105 North Court street. His clients are many, and his business returns to him a gratifying annual income. He owns an attractive residence in Ottumwa and several farm properties in Iowa, Oklahoma and Missouri. In partnership with his brother he owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres and also owns a farm individually eight miles from Ottumwa. He likewise has land in Arkansas, and thus from time to time he has made judicious investments in real estate until his holdings are now quite extensive and bring to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 25th of June, 1908, Mr. Christie was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Drake Mabry, who was born in Centerville, Iowa, and is a daughter of Judge and Nannie (Lockman) Mabry, who are residents of Albia, Iowa. Mrs. Christie is a lady of innate culture and refinement and is identified with a number of the leading social and club organizations of the city.



She belongs to the Fortnightly Club, of which she is treasurer, the Womans Club, the Art Club, of which she is president, and the Twenty Club. She is also eligible to the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Christie holds membership in the Masonic fraternity and in the Wapello and Country Clubs, while both he and his wife are members of the Episcopal church. They are among the highly esteemed residents of this city and theirs is a hospitable home, whose good cheer is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Christie is a young man of determination and enterprise and in his business career carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, knowing that obstacles and difficulties can be overcome by persistent, earnest and honorable effort.

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### JAMES F. POWELL.

Since 1889 James F. Powell has been connected with the Courier and steady progression has brought him to the position of publisher and editor. He is today one of the well known newspaper men of Iowa, and the Courier has been an important factor in promoting the progress and advancing the welfare and prosperity of Ottumwa, advocating as it does at all times a line of practical progress. Mr. Powell was born in Harrington, Delaware, August 16, 1868, a son of Dr. C. C. Powell, who was likewise a native of Delaware. He became a practicing physician and devoted many years of his life to that profession. He married Miss Kate Fountain, a native of Maryland, and in 1876 they removed westward to Illinois, where they resided until 1883 and then came to Ottumwa, where Dr. Powell passed away in 1901.

Since making his initial step in the business world James F. Powell has been connected with newspaper interests, and one of the factors in his success is the point that he has always continued in the line in which he embarked as a youth. In 1885 he secured a position in the office of the Democrat at Ottumwa, then conducted by S. B. Evans and H. D. Crawford. He learned the printer's trade, which he followed in Des Moines, Council Bluffs, Omaha and at other points in Iowa and Nebraska, but in 1889 returned to Ottumwa and secured a position as typesetter on the Ottumwa Daily Courier. Since that time he has been continu-

ously connected with the paper and was in the mechanical department until the fall of 1900, either in the composing room of the newspaper or in the job department. With the opening of the present century he was taken into the business office as advertising solicitor and in 1901, when E. P. Adler, who was business manager of the Courier, was transferred to the Davenport Times by A. W. Lee, who owned the controlling interest in both papers, Mr. Powell was made business manager of the former. In 1905 he became publisher of this paper and so continues. In 1907, following the death of A. W. Lee, who was president of the Lee Newspaper Syndicate, E. P. Adler was made president and Mr. Powell vice president and treasurer of the Syndicate, which owns and controls the Tribune of La Crosse, Wisconsin; the Daily Times, of Davenport; the Journal of Muscatine, Iowa; the Courier of Ottumwa; and the Courier Post of Hannibal, Missouri. Both Mr. Adler and Mr. Powell still retain their positions in connection with the Lee Newspaper Syndicate and as such have become prominent figures in newspaper circles in this state.

In September, 1907, Mr. Powell was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Gardner, a daughter of W. H. and Elizabeth Gardner, now residents of Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Powell has always taken an active interest in athletics, particularly shooting and rowing and he indorses all manly outdoor sports, believing that, in the division of time, recreation may constitute a balance wheel for the arduous business effort which is typical of the age. His policy in connection with the Courier has been one of continuous advancement without recourse to any of that sensationalism which has made the yellow journal an object of abhorrence to all who believe in the educational and real news value of the modern paper.

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### GEORGE F. CAPELL.

George F. Capell has been engaged in business as a contractor and builder of Ottumwa for the past thirty-five years and has won an enviable reputation and gratifying prosperity in this connection. His birth occurred in St. Lawrence county, New York, on the 6th of February, 1848, his parents being William P. and Mary (Cook) Capell, both of whom were natives of New

Hampshire. They passed away in St. Lawrence county, New York. Their children were seven in number, three of whom still survive, as follows: Sarah L., who is the wife of David Richardson; Martha E., who gave her hand in marriage to J. G. Taylor, and George F., of this review.

The last named attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and spent the period of his minority under the parental roof. In 1869, when twenty-one years of age, he came to Ottumwa, Wapello county, Iowa, and has here resided continuously since. He has engaged in business as a contractor and builder for thirty-five years. Many contracts have been awarded him in recognition of his ability in this line, and numerous substantial business structures and attractive residences of Ottumwa stand as monuments to his skill. He owns a handsome home in this city and has long been numbered among its prosperous and representative residents.

In 1879 Mr. Capell was united in marriage to Miss Emma Spencer, a native of Davis county, Iowa, and a daughter of Horace A. and Eveline (Rudd) Spencer. The father, who was born in New Hampshire, came west at an early day. Unto our subject and his wife have been born two children: Harvey, who is deceased, and G. Vernon, at home. Mr. Capell gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is identified fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to Camp No. 103. He is a man of genuine personal worth, and his sterling traits of character have established him on a high plane in public regard.

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### JUDGE JOSEPH C. MITCHELL.

Judge Joseph C. Mitchell has for twenty-one years been an active representative of the Ottumwa bar, while for forty-one years he has been a practitioner in Iowa. He was born in Monroe county, Indiana, January 23, 1849. His father, James Mitchell, also a native of that county, was born December 2, 1828, and was reared to farm life but later turned his attention to merchandising. He came to Iowa in 1850 and after his removal to this state patented a binder which was the first ever patented in America. He dropped this, however, to enter the army, for the country had become involved in the Civil war.





*J. B. Mitchell*





He joined the Sixth Iowa Infantry and was among those who laid down their lives on the altar of their country, his death being occasioned by typhoid fever when he was in the service. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susannah Berry, was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, August 11, 1827, but was reared in Indiana, and her last days were spent in Osceola, Iowa. By her marriage she became the mother of four children, but two of the sons are deceased. The daughter, who survives, is Eliza Frances Mitchell, now living in Osceola.

Judge Mitchell pursued his education in the common schools to the age of twelve years and afterward worked upon the farm, in a woolen factory, in a printing office and also drove stage to the age of seventeen years. His youth was largely a period of earnest and unremitting toil and upon him devolved responsibilities not often resting upon one of his years. Recognizing the value of education, he determined to supplement his early training by further study and by the aid of a friend, H. C. Sigler of Osceola, he was able to take the full classical course at the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, graduating with the class of 1871. He then took up the study of law in the office of Ambler Brothers & Babb of Mount Pleasant, these gentlemen directing his reading until his admission to the bar in that place. In January, 1873, he opened an office in Chariton, Iowa, where he remained in active practice for twenty years. He was appointed by Governor Boies to the bench of his district and served thereon for about a year. In 1893, however, he came to Ottumwa, where he opened a law office and resumed private practice. He does not specialize along a given line to the exclusion of other branches but continues in the general practice of law and is well informed upon the subject of jurisprudence. He has always prepared his cases with thoroughness and care, and his clear and cogent reasoning and logical deductions have been important features in his success.

On the 28th of April, 1875, Judge Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Alice C. Wilson, then of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, but who was born at Oakland Mills, Henry county, Iowa. She was reared and educated in Mount Pleasant and was a daughter of Robert and Adeline (Henshaw) Wilson, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Mitchell was born June 22, 1853, and passed away on the 2d of December, 1912. She was the organizer of the chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Ottumwa and was the representative from that

chapter to the national convention in Washington. She was also very active in the P. E. O. sorority, being the second or third person initiated into that sorority's first chapter in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. She was eligible to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution from the fact that she was descended from five ancestors who were officers of the Revolution, and she had five bars upon her pin. Judge Mitchell belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution and some time ago was notified by the secretary of the Society of Cincinnati that he was eligible to membership in that organization by reason of the fact that Colonel Joseph Crockett, of the Revolutionary war, was the grandfather of Judge Mitchell's grandmother. He reared his granddaughter, who afterward became Mrs. Mitchell. At her death Mrs. Alice Mitchell left a daughter and two sons: Adelyn, the wife of F. R. Williams of Ottumwa; Mark, who is connected with a coal company in Albia, Iowa; and Paul, living in Ottumwa.

Judge Mitchell gave his allegiance to the democratic party until 1897 and since then to the republican party. He has ever kept well informed on the significant and vital questions of the day but does not seek nor desire office. He attends the Episcopal church, and he has for many years had membership in the Masonic and Odd Fellows societies. He is a broad-minded, cultured gentleman, keeping in touch with the general line of the world's progress, while in his profession his comprehensive knowledge and clear reasoning have gained him more than local distinction.

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### LOUIS A. CLAPP.

Louis A. Clapp was for a long period a representative farmer of Wapello county, where he lived to the time of his death, which occurred on the 10th of July, 1913. He was born in Franklin county, Ohio, October 11, 1841, and was a son of Arnold and Adaline (Kellogg) Clapp, who were natives of New York and Massachusetts respectively. At an early day the father made his way from the Empire state to Ohio and in 1855 he removed with his family to Iowa, settling upon a farm in Wapello county, where both he and his wife continued to make

their home until they were called to their final rest. In their family were seven children, of whom four are yet living.

Louis A. Clapp spent the first fourteen years of his life in the state of his nativity and then accompanied his parents to Iowa. He remained with his mother until he had attained his majority and then began farming on his own account on the old homestead, which he afterward purchased. He won a gratifying measure of prosperity in the conduct of his business interests and at the time of his death was the owner of two hundred acres of land, naturally rich and arable. His place is situated on Section 5, Dahlonga township, and presents a neat and thrifty appearance, owing to the care and cultivation bestowed upon it by the owner. Mr. Clapp used the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields, and his farm had upon it all modern equipments and accessories.

On the 16th of June, 1875, Mr. Clapp was united in marriage to Miss Julia C. Burns, who was born in Preble county, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel C. and Nancy (Fitzimmons) Burns, the former born in Ohio and the latter in Pennsylvania. Following their marriage they lived for a number of years in Ohio and in 1860 removed westward to Coles county, Illinois, where they resided for five years upon a farm. They then became residents of Keokuk county, Iowa, where they continued until 1887. In that year they removed to Wapello county, Iowa, where they continued until called to their final rest. Her father died July 23, 1893, and for about ten years was survived by his wife, who passed away January 17, 1903. Unto them were born seven children, of whom three are yet living: Mrs. Clapp; Lucy I., the widow of John Cregg, residing in California; and Belle, the wife of F. Coffin, of Long Beach, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Clapp never had any children, and she was left alone by the death of her husband on the 10th of July, 1913. She still owns the farm of two hundred acres, which returns to her a gratifying annual income, supplying her with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. She holds membership in the Presbyterian church and in all of her life's relations is guided by its teachings. Mr. Clapp voted with the republican party, but did not seek nor desire office. For fifty-eight years he was a resident of this county and was therefore numbered among its pioneer settlers. He came here when the work of development and improvement had been carried forward to but a slight extent, and as the years passed on he bore his share in the task



of promoting the agricultural possibilities of the county and thus winning for Iowa its well earned reputation as one of the leading agricultural states of the Union. Mr. Clapp saw many changes as the work of transformation was carried on. He could remember the time when most of the farm houses were little cabins, but he lived to see these replaced by commodious and attractive residences, standing in the midst of well kept fields. He also saw the building of churches and schools and the introduction of all modern improvements in various lines of business, and he took great interest in what was thus accomplished.

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### SUMNER SIBERELL.

Sumner Siberell is a member of the Ottumwa bar and is also identified with business interests of importance. He began practice here a quarter of a century ago and throughout the entire period has maintained a place among the leading lawyers of Wapello county. A native son of this locality, he was born on a farm near Blakesburg, May 9, 1859, his parents being Jacob and Elizabeth Jane (Rose) Siberell, the former a native of Ross county, Ohio, and the latter of Jennings county, Indiana. They became early settlers of this section of the state and were married in Wapello county.

It was in the common schools of his native county that Sumner Siberell pursued his early education, which was supplemented by a course in Drake University at Des Moines, which he entered in September, 1883, when twenty-four years of age. He was graduated from the liberal arts department in June, 1887, winning his Bachelor of Arts degree. He began reading law in the office of W. S. Coen and was admitted to practice before the supreme court of Iowa in 1889. He then entered into partnership with his former preceptor and remained with him until June, 1893. In the fall of 1892 he was elected county attorney, in which position he remained for two terms, being reelected in 1894. He proved a capable official, fearless in prosecuting the law breakers of the county and seeking at all times to uphold the highest legal status. Since his retirement from that position he has continued in the general practice of law, having offices in the Hofmann building since May, 1895. His clientage is large and of a distinctively representative character, and his ability

is evidenced in the many verdicts which he wins that are favorable to the interests of his clients. He is also conducting an abstract business under the name of the Wapello County Abstract Company, having a complete set of abstracts of the county. He is also a director of the Peoples Building & Saving Association.

On the 23d of May, 1895, Mr. Siberell was united in marriage to Miss Ora Carpenter of Ottumwa, a daughter of L. D. and Mary E. (Stuart) Carpenter. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Siberell hold membership in the First Christian church of Ottumwa and for the past twenty years he has been a member of the board of trustees of Drake University of Des Moines, which excellent school is under the supervision of the Christian church.

Mr. Siberell has an interesting military chapter in his life record, having, in July, 1888, enlisted at Ottumwa as a private of Company G, Iowa National Guard, with which he served for five years, being mustered out as quartermaster sergeant in 1893. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in politics he is a progressive republican. He has ever stood for law and order and for those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. He has been and is still chairman of the committee that led the fight against saloons in Ottumwa and has been very active in putting them out of business. When filling the office of prosecuting attorney Mr. Siberell prosecuted Brady, overseer of the poor, for defrauding the county with the result that he was sent to the penitentiary. He was also instrumental in ousting Mayor T. J. Phillips from the office of chief executive of Ottumwa. Mr. Byers, attorney general, instituted proceedings against Phillips and Mr. Siberell assisted George Cosson in the trial. He does not believe in a compromise with wrong, whether in individual or public affairs, and has ever been an advocate of clean politics all along the line, opposing strenuously anything like misrule in public office.

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### MARTIN HARDSOCG.

Martin Hardsocg is the largest stockholder in the Hardsocg Manufacturing Company, one of the important productive industries of Ottumwa, employing on an average fifty men and women. He is resolute and his persistency of purpose and close

application have been the salient features in bringing him to the position of success which he now occupies. A native of Germany, he was born on the 20th of April, 1852, his parents being Christopher and Caroline Hardsocg, who during the boyhood of their son Martin crossed the Atlantic to the new world with Iowa as their destination. They made their way to Agency, where the mother still resides, but the father has passed away.

Martin Hardsocg was there reared and, although his advantages in youth were somewhat limited, he has steadily worked his way upward and by industry, energy and ability has reached a place among the leading business men of Wapello county. When fifteen years of age he was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade and there gained a knowledge of mechanics that constituted the basis upon which he has built his later success. His apprenticeship covered three years, during which period he thoroughly mastered the business, and at the age of eighteen he felt competent to start out in business on his own account, establishing a shop at Smoky Hollow, in Wapello county, where he did such mechanical work as was brought to him. Many miners' tools were taken to him for sharpening, and he displayed such skill in that connection that he was offered a position by a mining company, which he accepted. He also made new miners' tools, which sold for a much higher price than those manufactured in the factory. The first skates which he ever possessed he made and later sold for five dollars. He remained with the mining company for but a year, during which time he faithfully represented them and gave them entire satisfaction, but as one of the partners wished to place a friend in the position Mr. Hardsocg was discharged to make room for the other man. He learned one lesson from that experience, which was that when in the employ of others the individual's position was never assured nor quite safe. As a result he returned to his little shop, although his earnings there were little more than fifty or seventy-five cents per day. He was ambitious, was not afraid of work and was eager to enlarge his business, with which end in view he was always trying to devise some manner to increase his patronage. At length he decided that he would go to the different mining camps and solicit work. This plan proved successful and after the work was done he would deliver it. In this way he built up a reputation for expert workmanship. He also began to make improvements on the old-fashioned tools, which he sold to his customers, and thus step by step he advanced until

he took up the manufacture of miners' tools. He has told that at that time his highest ambition was to give two men steady employment, but each forward step in his career has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. When two men were employed he was just as eager to increase his force to four and so on until his plants have reached the present extensive proportions. He had removed his business from Smokey Hollow to Avery, and as it there outgrew its surroundings he determined upon a further removal to Ottumwa. At that time he capitalized the business for seventy-five thousand dollars and was enjoying a very extensive and gratifying trade when the entire plant was destroyed by fire. The amount of insurance which he was carrying was only sufficient to enable him to discharge his indebtedness. He must formulate new plans, which would give him the necessary working capital, and this he did by organizing a stock company, of which he held the controlling interest. Soon his business was again in a flourishing condition and today the entire stock of the Hardsocg Manufacturing Company is owned by Martin Hardsocg and his children, while Mr. Hardsocg and his son are owners of the stock of the Nicholls Manufacturing Company and the former is the largest stockholder in the Hardsocg Wonder Drill Company, the three concerns employing on an average one hundred workmen. His industrial interests have thus become extensive, and his energy has made him a leading figure in business circles. His interests have ever been of a character that has contributed to public prosperity as well as to individual success.

When nineteen years of age Mr. Hardsocg was united in marriage to Mrs. Melinda Edwards, a widow with two children, and by this marriage there have been born four children: Dolce, at home; Lester, now manager of the Hardsocg Manufacturing Company; Fred, manager of the Nicholls Manufacturing Company, and Bane, superintendent of the Hardsocg Manufacturing Company. The sons are all married.

Mr. Hardsocg some years ago purchased from the estate of Charles F. Blake a tract of land of five hundred acres, just outside the city limits of Ottumwa. There he erected a palatial residence, surrounding which is a large and well kept lawn, intersected by walks and drives in an artistic manner. Mr. Hardsocg has ever taken great interest in this beautiful home and delights in doing such work as trimming the trees and shrubs upon the place and giving direction to the labors of others as



to the further improvement of the grounds. He has set out many trees of different varieties and is most interested in their growth. Of this estate Mr. Hardsocg has since sold all but twenty-three acres, of which he still retains possession, and he is likewise the owner of one hundred acres within the city limits of Ottumwa. There have been no spectacular phases in his whole life record, his career being characterized by that unfaltering energy which permits of no discouragements and brooks no obstacles. Steadily and persistently he has worked his way upward and is now at the head of a business of large and gratifying proportions, numbered among the leading industrial concerns of the city.

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### JOSEPH G. HUTCHISON.

Ottumwa was proud to number Joseph G. Hutchison among her citizens. Here he made his home from December, 1865, until his death and his life was one of increasing usefulness to the community. His name figures in connection with progressiveness along commercial and financial lines, and he had marked influence in shaping the policy of the state on a number of important occasions. None questioned his public spirit, and his devotion to the welfare of the state, for many tangible evidences may be cited of his deep and abiding interest in Iowa's welfare, an interest which at times reached the point of self-sacrifice.

Mr. Hutchison was a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Northumberland county in 1840. He was descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry, the paternal strain being Scotch. His maternal grandparents, Caldwell by name, came from the north of Ireland in 1798, while his grandmother Hutchison, whose maiden name was Guilford, was of English descent. His grandfather Hutchison was a prominent figure in public life in Pennsylvania and at one time was a member of the general assembly, representing a district which comprised about one-third of the state.

Joseph G. Hutchison received the advantages of college training and was a highly educated and classical scholar. He was a student in the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, completing a four years' course by graduation in June, 1862. He had but entered upon the period



*J. G. Hutchison*





of early manhood at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and in 1862, when a young man of twenty-two years, he offered his services to the government, becoming first lieutenant of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to duty with the Army of the Potomac. He was a brave, loyal and fearless soldier and participated in many of the hotly contested engagements which led up to the final victory that crowned the Union arms, including the battles of Fredericksburg, Antietam and Chancellorsville. In the report of the commanding general he was given special mention for gallantry in the charge of Mary's Hill at the battle of Fredericksburg. He also took part in the sanguinary conflict at Gettysburg as Captain of Company I, Twenty-eighth Regiment of Pennsylvania Infantry.

With the close of his military service Mr. Hutchison took up the study of law and following his graduation from the Cleveland (Ohio) Law School he came to Iowa in the spring of 1865, settling first at Des Moines. In December of that year, however, he removed to Ottumwa, where he continued to make his home until his demise. He was led to take this step through the influence and offer of Senator Stiles, a member of the Ottumwa bar, who in that year had been elected to the upper house of the Iowa general assembly and wished to enter into partnership with a promising and reliable young man who could take charge of the law practice during the absence of the senior partner of the firm at the capitol. Writing of this Senator E. H. Stiles said:

"Captain A. A. Stuart, who was then seeing through the press his 'Iowa Colonels and Regiments,' had, while in Des Moines for that purpose, become acquainted with Captain Hutchison, whom he strongly recommended to me. He said young Hutchison had served as a soldier and officer in the Civil war, that he had received a good education, legal and otherwise, and had entered upon the practice at Des Moines; that he was high-minded, honorable and altogether one of the most estimable young men he had ever met. Upon this I wrote Mr. Hutchison, telling him of the high recommendation he had received at the hands of Captain Stuart and suggested that if he saw fit to come down to Ottumwa and hold an interview with me it might result in an association that would be mutually satisfactory. He accordingly came. I took him to my house and he remained with us until the next day. We were greatly pleased



with him, for he was one of those men whose very presence indicates inborn high qualities. The result was that we formed a law partnership which continued for seven years and until he diverged into more profitable lines. At the outset he became a member of my family and so continued until his marriage with Miss Sarah L. Taylor in 1868. He was one of the purest and most lovable of men. During the whole period of our partnership there was not the slightest friction between us and I found that he possessed to the fullest extent all the fine qualities which Stuart had attributed to him. He was diligent and efficient as a lawyer and nothing was ever neglected either in the office or in the courts that came under his hands. He had a good legal equipment and his industry was untiring. Had he strictly adhered to the profession and turned his face against all allurements to enter other enterprises he would have made a careful, deliberate and able judge and would doubtless have attained and graced that position had he continued in his profession. He certainly would have been an incorruptible one, for I have never known a man with a higher sense of honor or more perfect integrity, and for these qualities he was distinguished to the end of his days."

At length, however, Mr. Hutchison abandoned professional activity to enter into other lines of business that promised quicker returns and from that time forward was a leading factor in industrial, commercial and financial circles in Ottumwa. In 1872 he aided in the organization of the Johnston Ruffler Company, which conducted business successfully for a number of years, when its shareholders organized the Ottumwa Iron Works. During his connection with the former company Mr. Hutchison and his wife went abroad and resided in England for a year, representing the interests of the company in that land. On the return voyage to the United States he formed an acquaintance with T. D. Foster, who was then on his way to America with a view of establishing a large packing house for the English firm of John Morrell & Company, and it was through Captain Hutchison's influence that Mr. Foster chose Ottumwa as a favorable site for the new undertaking, and thus won for the city an industry that has been of incalculable benefit in the promotion of the material progress and welfare of this section.

After continuing actively in business for a few years Mr. Hutchison reentered the field of law, forming a partnership

with I. N. Mast, but in three or four years he again diverged from the profession, entering the political arena and later becoming once more active in business. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, called him to serve the public by electing him to the state legislature in 1879. His term of service was one of great efficiency and was followed by his election to the state senate in 1881 and his reelection in 1884. For ten years, therefore, he continued a member of the general assembly, winning a most enviable reputation by reason of his connection with much important constructive legislation. He was able in argument upon the floor of the house and senate and was most careful and persistent in his advocacy of wise measures. Of his public career a contemporary biographer writes:

"During his senatorial terms he was a member of the ways and means and judiciary committees and, it is said, he had more to do in shaping the policy that paid off the state debt than any other man in the legislature. He was the author of the registration system for elections, which is now giving the greatest satisfaction to men of all parties, although it was opposed at the beginning by those who did not understand its beneficent effect in securing an honest ballot. Mr. Hutchison also devoted a great share of his attention to railroad legislation and organized the committee which took the matter in charge, and at last brought about reforms that were advantageous to the people."

Touching this subject Governor Gue, in volume 4, page 141, of his History of Iowa, says:

"Senator Hutchison was the author of the law for the registration of voters which has become the settled policy of the state. As a member of the committees of judiciary, appropriations and chairman of the ways and means committee he became a leader of the senate and by wise measures relieved the state from a large indebtedness during his term of service."

The indebtedness referred to by Governor Gue was the large one owing to the school fund from the state and which was paid, through the efforts of and under an act drafted by Senator Hutchison, from the money refunded by the general government for the direct tax which it had received from the state. The payment of this obligation left the state entirely free from debt. William H. Fleming, who had been private secretary under five different governors and was thoroughly informed concerning the legislative history of Iowa, wrote concerning

the extinction of that debt and how it was brought about through the act of Senator Hutchison:

"The final extinction of this debt came about in Governor Boies' administration, but it was because of the operation of an act drafted in 1888 by Senator Hutchison, whom Boies defeated for the governorship a year later. That act directed that the proceeds of the expected refund should be applied to the payment of the debt from the state to the school fund. The money came in 1891 and the school fund debt was paid from it, as directed by the act referred to. Thus, while it might be said that the debt was actually liquidated during Boies' administration, it was because of Hutchison's work that it was done."

The splendid record made by Senator Hutchison in legislative halls led to his nomination by the republican party for the office of governor in 1889. Writing of this his old law partner, Senator Stiles, said:

"For thirty-five years the republican party had been continually in power and no democrat had occupied the gubernatorial chair; but the immense republican majorities had been declining in the latter years because of popular dissatisfaction, especially in the larger cities, with the radical attitude of the party on the question of general and absolute prohibition. It was thought by many that in the cities referred to it was a dead letter and furnished the pernicious example of constant law breaking. So strong had this feeling become on the one hand and so strong the radicalism of the republican party on the other that it made the political condition not only critical but threatened party defeat; and the party was defeated. Horace Boies, the democratic candidate, was elected. The same experience was repeated at the next gubernatorial election when Governor Boies was reelected over Hiram Wheeler, the republican candidate. And the same results would have continued had not the party leaders joined in enacting the local option or Mulet law; upon which the republican party was restored to power. It is thus clear that Mr. Hutchison's defeat was not attributable to any personal ground, but solely to the causes alluded to. If the election had rested alone on personal grounds he would undoubtedly have been triumphantly elected."

In the meantime Mr. Hutchison engaged in banking, becoming one of the promoters of the Ottumwa National Bank, of which he served as president for seven years, when he resigned to accept the nomination for governor. The policy which he

had inaugurated and maintained was such as left the bank in excellent condition. In 1891 he entered the mercantile field as founder and proprietor of an extensive wholesale grocery house, conducted under the style of J. G. Hutchison & Company. He built up a large business and carefully and successfully guided its destinies until his life's labors were ended in death in April, 1910.

Mr. Hutchison was twice married. He first wedded Sarah L. Taylor, on the 4th of November, 1868. They traveled life's journey happily together until separated by death on the 2d of November, 1896. On the 23d of June, 1898, Mr. Hutchison wedded Miss Mabel Vernon Dixon, a daughter of Hon. J. W. Dixon, of whom more extended mention is made on following pages of these volumes.

J. G. Hutchison & Company, wholesale grocers, is one of the visible evidences of the marked ability of Mr. Hutchison, who was ever a man of action rather than of theory, and when he saw opportunities—which by the way he readily recognized—he utilized them to the full. He was a distinguished lawyer, an able business man and a gifted statesman, and most of all he was a public-spirited citizen and a high-minded Christian gentleman. In all of his public career he ever placed the general welfare before partisanship and the public good before personal aggrandizement. He did not hesitate to sacrifice his own interests if the welfare of the community could be advanced. Life was to him purposeful and no duty was ever neglected. When he came to the parting of the ways between right and wrong he never hesitated as to his course, and his path was ever one of ascent to the higher planes of citizenship, morality, duty and integrity.

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#### MRS. MABEL V. DIXON HUTCHISON.

There have been exhibited in the life of Mrs. Mabel Vernon Dixon Hutchison many phases which perhaps might be more aptly termed many lines of capability. Thoroughly womanly in all those qualities which have made her a leader in social circles and placed her at the head of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs, she is now proving equally successful as the head of an extensive wholesale business house, taking up



the work of management and control following the demise of her husband.

A native of Iowa, she belonged to a well known family, her parents being J. W. and Sallie Ann (Vernon) Dixon, who came from Pennsylvania to Ottumwa immediately after their marriage. The Vernons came originally from Cheshire, England, their ancestors being possessors of Haddon Hall, from which Dorothy Vernon eloped with Sir John Manners, a romantic story of which use has been made by a novelist and also a playwright. Both the Dixon and Vernon families were from good old Quaker stock of Pennsylvania. J. W. Dixon, following his graduation from the law school at Poughkeepsie, New York, removed to Iowa in 1856 and soon became a prominent factor in connection with the history of the state. He represented his district as senator in the ninth and tenth general assemblies and as representative in the fifteenth and sixteenth general assemblies. His statesmanship and the ability with which he handled many important problems did much toward shaping the public policy of Iowa concerning legislation at that period. He was the opponent of ex-Governor Gear for speaker of the house in a contest that continued for two weeks. His marked intellectual strength and broad knowledge, his independence and originality of thought and his pleasing and persuasive oratory made him a man of marked influence, and he left the impress of his individuality upon the history of the commonwealth. His position was never an equivocal one. He stood loyally for what he believed to be right and when convinced that he was following a correct course neither fear nor favor could cause him to change. Of his wife it has been said: "Mrs. Dixon was possessed of rare traits of character and her friends spoke of her as unselfish to a fault." A happy, carefree childhood was that of Miss Dixon, spent largely in the companionship of her sister, in the enjoyment of outdoor pleasures. A newspaper of recent date wrote: "To her everything and everybody was interesting. The family home was apart from other houses, in the midst of spacious grounds, which favored an early tendency to search for geological specimens and also form acquaintance with the birds that filled the woodland with song—a nature study which she pursues with interest to the present time."

In 1898 Mabel Vernon Dixon gave her hand in marriage to the Hon. J. G. Hutchison, who in 1866 had become a law partner of her father and of Judge E. H. Stiles. Mr. Hutchi-



Mrs J. G. Hutchison





son and Mr. Dixon held property interests together for many years, and as an intimate friend of the family Mr. Hutchison was the legal adviser to whom Miss Dixon turned when she was made acting executrix and had full charge of the estate of her father following his death in 1889. Like her father, Mr. Hutchison was active in public life and few men were more thoroughly informed concerning affairs relative to state and nation. He was chosen to represent his district in the eighteenth general assembly in 1882 and through the nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second general assemblies was state senator. In the year preceding his death he established a wholesale house, founding the important and extensive enterprise of which Mrs. Hutchison is now the head.

Long before assuming charge of this business, however, Mrs. Hutchison had become a recognized leader. At all times she has been actuated by broad humanitarian principles. For twenty years she labored untiringly in the Sunday-school work of the Trinity Episcopal church of Ottumwa and was instrumental in the organization of the boy choir. She was at one time on the board of directors of the Young Women's Christian Association of Ottumwa, and she has done splendid work in support of the Ottumwa Hospital Association. In club circles, too, she rose to prominence. She was one of the founders of the Ottumwa Women's Club and for several years most of the meetings of the art department and the domestic science department were held at her home. She is president of the Art Club of Ottumwa and has a sincere interest in all those activities wherein women are broadening and uplifting the standards of the home and at the same time increasing its influence toward a happier condition among the human brotherhood. Her interest in the club movement resulted in her attending the State Federation of Women's Clubs at its meeting in Cedar Rapids, and there she was elected treasurer of the state organization, in which capacity she served for four years, from 1895 until 1899. She was elected president of the state federation in 1899 and rendered a permanent service to the club movement in Iowa by the formation of district organizations, through which a closer bond is felt among clubs of neighboring counties and the worth of the state federation is brought nearer to individual clubs. She was president of an organization known as the Iowa Ex-Presidents Association, comprising all women who have held the office of president of the Iowa Federation of Women's



Clubs. This was formed chiefly for the pleasure of social intercourse among its members and is now an advisory committee of the state organization. She has not allowed practical affairs to crowd out tastes fostered through years of careful study. She is deeply interested in all art subjects and her musical nature has enhanced her pleasure in life and contributed to the development of things musical about her.

Mrs. Hutchison has recently built the wholesale house which J. G. Hutchison & Company now occupy. The building is ideally located facing a city park as well as being provided with all necessary facilities for shipping. Of her work Mrs. Hutchison says: "After the death of Mr. Hutchison I found I was facing new and strange conditions. Bowed to the earth in the loss of my life's inspiration and having few relatives and no one available to assist in the situation, I decided that the only thing for me to do was to take up the work laid down by my husband and seek to carry out his ideas and ideals. This I have striven hard to do. I have found that the president of a wholesale grocery has little time for thought outside of the routine of business. My work has grown interesting, as success will in any line. There are so many women in business these days that no surprise is shown in meeting a woman in place of a man at the head of any enterprise. Business men are always most courteous to women in business.

"We are all creatures of circumstance. Mostly we fit into the place that seems made for us. Work, energy, enthusiasm, good hard common sense will always bring success. To be at the head of a wholesale business is not as usual for a woman as a man, but it is not any easier for a woman than a man. Unless a woman has to take hold of work in a mercantile life I could not advise one to adopt it for a life work as a matter of choice. I do not feel that it is the woman's sphere, because it cuts her off from so much that she is especially suited for.

"There was a time when I felt that every woman could and should forge to the front in the world's work. Viewing life now from a different point of view I see woman's power just as great, but am willing that men should battle with the great problems of the world. Woman should be conversant with the burning questions of the times and should be man's constant inspiration for high and noble thought and action. I believe, too, that woman should have the right to vote if she is a tax-

payer. No woman feels justly treated to live under taxation without representation."

Mrs. Hutchison is giving her foremost thought and talent to promote her business interests, with perhaps a frequent realization that "The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do."

Phillips Brooks has said: "Pray not to have tasks equal to your powers but to be given power equal to your tasks." Unused to the stress and strain of business, Mrs. Hutchison entered upon her present work and has found that her powers have developed to meet the emergency of the hour. At the same time she has maintained an even balance by her continued interest in literature and the various forms of art which uplift the individual and work for the betterment of mankind in the achievement of a higher and more ideal civilization.

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### JOHN W. LONG.

John W. Long is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and fifty-eight and a half acres on section 4, Dahlonga township. He is especially well known as a raiser and dealer in Poland China hogs, which branch of his business is proving most profitable. He has always lived in the middle west, being a native of Rush county, Indiana, his birth having there occurred on the 17th of May, 1853. He is a son of Emanuel M. and Martha (Davidson) Long, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Indiana. They remained residents of the Hoosier state until 1869, when they made their way to Wapello county and settled upon the farm which is now the property of their son John. Upon this place the father continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits until his death, and his wife also died on the old homestead.

John W. Long is one of a family of eight children, all of whom are yet living. He was a youth of sixteen years when the family left Indiana and came to Iowa. Through the period of his youth his time was largely devoted to assisting his father in the work of the fields, and through the winter months he pursued his education in the public schools. On reaching adult age he began working as a farm hand in the neighborhood, and in 1876 he began farming on his own account. Having carefully saved

his earnings, he made investment in a tract of land in Keokuk county, where he lived for fourteen years. He then purchased the farm upon which he now resides and which is one of the best improved properties in Dahlonga township. Within the borders of his place are comprised one hundred and fifty-eight and a half acres, situated on section 4, and owing to his careful cultivation the farm has become very productive, and he annually gathers good harvests. He is now making a specialty of the raising and feeding of hogs, handling Poland China stock of high grades, and for his stock he finds a ready sale.

On January 7, 1880, Mr. Long was united in marriage to Miss Mary B. Dimmitt, who was born in this county and is a daughter of William and Matilda (Paget) Dimmitt, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They came to Iowa in 1848 and entered land in Wapello county. Their first home was a little log cabin with clapboard roof and door, and in it they remained for several years, or until their financial resources had so improved as to enable them to erect a more commodious and modern dwelling. The father passed away in this county, but the mother is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Long were born two children: Retie F. and Lena M., both of whom are attending the high school in Ottumwa. The family is well known, for both Mr. and Mrs. Long represent old pioneer families of the county. Mr. Long is a Republican, but without political aspiration. He has ever been content to live the quiet life of the farmer, carefully managing his business affairs and keeping in touch with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for his stock. His work has been productive of good results, and he is now one of the substantial farmers of the community.

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### ELIAS BURTON HOWELL, M. D.

Dr. Elias Burton Howell is engaged in the general practice of medicine in Ottumwa, specializing to some extent in surgery. Broad reading and research work since attending college have continually augmented his skill and ability and have won him recognition as one of the leading representatives of the profession in his part of the state. He was born in Johnson county, Iowa, August 2, 1884, a son of J. M. Howell, also a native of Johnson county, where he is still living. He was born on the

9th of October, 1851, and has made farming his life work. He married Jennie Buck, who was born in the same county, June 20, 1858, and they became the parents of two children, the younger being Jesse, now a student in the State University of Iowa.

Dr. Howell pursued his early education in the common schools of Johnson county and was graduated from the Iowa City high school with the class of 1902. He afterward engaged in teaching school for a year and subsequently entered the State University of Iowa, being graduated from the medical department with the class of 1907. He then filled the position of assistant instructor in the department of obstetrics at the State University during the years 1907 and 1908 and was associated with Professor W. R. Whiteis at Iowa City from 1905 until 1909. In the fall of the latter year he came to Ottumwa, where he opened an office, becoming the successor to Dr. W. A. Trueblood, in the Hofmann building, but in December, 1911, he removed to his present location in the Court Park building, where he conducts a general practice, giving special attention, however, to surgery. He is a member of the Wapello County, the Des Moines Valley, the Southeastern Iowa and the Iowa State Medical Societies and his attendance at their meetings has broadened his knowledge and promoted his efficiency, bringing him in touch with the advanced methods followed by others.

On September 23, 1909, Dr. Howell was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Hemsworth, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, a daughter of Oscar and Mary (Orr) Hemsworth, who are residents of Waterloo, Iowa, where the father is engaged in the grocery business. Mrs. Howell is a lady of superior intelligence, education and culture. She is a graduate of the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, also a graduate of the New Haven Normal School of Gymnastics, and was assistant teacher at the State University of Iowa in 1906 and 1907. Two children have been born of this marriage, Homer Preston and Helen Louise. The former won first prize at the Babies' Health Contest in 1912 at the Iowa State Fair and also the first prize at the Iowa State Fair in 1913, winning the sweepstakes prize in the Babies' Health Contest. He was also awarded a medal by the Woman's Home Companion.

Dr. and Mrs. Howell are in sympathy with and actively co-operate in all movements that tend toward progress and improvement along material, educational, social and moral lines. Dr.



Howell gives his political allegiance to the Republican party. He is a member of the Country Club and belongs also to the Odd Fellows Society, the Moose, the Elks and the Masonic fraternity. His wife is connected with the Order of the Eastern Star. They occupy an enviable position in social circles of Ottumwa, where true worth and intelligence are received as passports into good society. He is justly accounted one of the progressive young physicians of Wapello county, his ability being attested by the liberal patronage accorded him in Ottumwa and the surrounding country.

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### HENRY LEROY BELL.

Henry Leroy Bell, a partner in the Ottumwa Automobile Company, was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, April 18, 1876. His father, James Bell, a native of Ohio, was born April 12, 1849, and is now a farmer, living at Ankeny, Iowa. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lavica Teeters, was born in Keokuk county, and by their marriage they became the parents of four children, one of whom has now passed away: Henry Leroy; Elizabeth, the wife of Ray Hall of Ankeny; Glen, who is also living at Ankeny, and Pearl.

Henry L. Bell began his education at the usual age as a student in the common schools of Keokuk county, and when his text-books were put aside he concentrated his entire attention upon the work of the home farm, being thus employed until he reached his majority. He then engaged in the coal-mining business for three years and on the expiration of that period became connected with the telephone industry, but at length disposed of his interest in that line in 1908 and began the manufacture of corrugated culverts at Oskaloosa. In 1908 he removed the plant to Ottumwa, and in August, 1909, sold his interest in the business and purchased a half interest in the Ottumwa Automobile Company. In 1911 this company was incorporated. They now handle the Ford machine exclusively, and Mr. Bell is active as general manager of the business, which is a growing one. The cars which they control are among the very best of the moderate-priced motors and their sale is rapidly increasing. They have also added to their line automobile accessories, of which they are wholesalers and retailers.

On the 21st of April, 1897, Mr. Bell was married to Miss Ida Garrett, a native of Keokuk county and a daughter of Andrew and Hester (Crocker) Garrett, the former a farmer of Keokuk county. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have one child, Hazel, who is a student in the Adams school of Ottumwa. The family attends the Methodist church, and Mr. Bell belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political views are in accord with the principles and teachings of the republican party, and in matters of citizenship he manifests a progressive spirit. He has made several changes in his business life and each step has been a forward one, bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. He is now well established in his present line and bids fair to gain a very substantial success in that connection.

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### JULIAN C. MANCHESTER.

The life record of Julian C. Manchester closed June 29th, 1901, and in his passing Ottumwa lost a citizen who had made for himself a substantial and enviable position in business and social circles. For a considerable period he was proprietor of the Ballingall Hotel in Ottumwa and was a most popular host. A native of Connecticut, his birth occurred at Colebrook River, near Bridgeport, in March, 1844, his parents being William M. and Content (Beach) Manchester, representatives of old New England families. The parents were reared and married in Connecticut and the mother died in New England in 1893, after which the father came to Ottumwa to make his home with his son J. C., and here passed away on the 22d of March, 1898, at the ripe old age of eighty-five years. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Methodist church, and in that faith they reared their family, which numbered seven children, namely: Lucius, who for a half century has been a minister of the Methodist church, connected with the New Jersey Conference; Francis, who has followed the profession of teaching and for a number of years lived in the west, but is now a resident of Ohio; Minerva, who passed away several years ago; Sarah, the wife of Henry F. Keyes, a resident of New Haven, Connecticut; Julian C., of this review, and Julius, a machinist of Bridgeport,

Connecticut. There was also one child who died in infancy. Julius and Julian are twins.

The last named spent his boyhood and youth in his native city, mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools there and afterward took up the machinist's trade. All personal and business considerations, however, were put aside when at the age of seventeen he offered his services to the government, becoming a member of Company E. First Regiment of Connecticut Heavy Artillery, with which he was on duty until the close of the war, being mustered out with the rank of sergeant. He participated in the nine months' siege of Petersburg and in the siege of City Point, and following the surrender of Lee at Appomattox went with his command to Richmond to take charge of and ship home the guns and supplies, being mustered out at New Haven, Connecticut, in December, 1865, among the last to be discharged.

When the war was over Mr. Manchester with a most creditable military record returned to his home and resumed his work at his trade, which he followed in the east until 1871. He then became a resident of Big Rapids, Michigan, where for some years he was proprietor of the Manchester Hotel. Later he conducted the Eastern House at Muscatine, Iowa, from 1879 until 1882, and then came to Ottumwa, where he took over the management of the Ballingall Hotel, which had been erected some years before. Mr. Manchester's progressive business methods soon converted it into the finest hotel in this section of the state, and its patronage is extensive and of a most desirable character. The hotel is splendidly appointed and everything possible is done for the comfort of the patrons. He increased the number of rooms for transients from thirty-five to ninety-three, having an average patronage of seventy-five or more daily, with a regular Sunday trade of from sixty to seventy people. He employed about fifty people in the building. He also conducted a wholesale liquor business amounting to about thirty thousand dollars annually.

In Fort Wayne, Indiana, Mr. Manchester was united in marriage to Miss Ella J. Burnabee, a native of Vermont, and unto them were born two sons: Edward, who married Natalie Grube, and Charles, who died September 13, 1899, at the age of fifteen years. Mr. Manchester held membership with the Elks and the Knights of Pythias at the time of his death and had formerly been connected with the Odd Fellows. He filled all of the

chairs in the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and became brigadier general of the Iowa State Uniform Rank. His religious faith was that of the Methodist church. Death called him in 1901, and in his passing the community lost a representative business man. The funeral services were conducted by the Uniform Rank, K. of P., the full military ritual being used. Rev. P. A. Johnson, pastor of the First Congregational church, preached the sermon. The funeral procession was headed by the Fifty-fourth Regiment Band, followed by the various organizations of which Mr. Manchester had been a member.

His widow and son Edward are still conducting the Ballingall Hotel, of which the latter is manager. They erected a fine residence on Prairie avenue, where they purchased seven acres of land. On this they have a fine fish pond, stocked with all kinds of fish. The name of Manchester has long been well known in Ottumwa and the family occupies a position of prominence.

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### HARRY L. EDMUNDS.

Harry L. Edmunds, engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Ottumwa, has been a resident of Wapello county for three decades and is numbered among its enterprising and prosperous citizens. His birth occurred in Great Britain on the 19th of January, 1872, his parents being Lewis and Charlotte (Thomas) Edmunds, also natives of Great Britain, the former born in 1840. Lewis Edmunds, who was identified with mercantile interests throughout his active business career, crossed the Atlantic to the United States and took up his abode in Wapello county, Iowa, in 1884. For ten years he was connected with the Western Supply Company at Kirkville, this county, and on the expiration of that period removed to Ottumwa, here conducting a grocery and meat market until about 1912, since which time he has lived retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He has many friends in the community, having won the regard and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact through business and social relations. The demise of his wife occurred in September, 1906. Their five surviving children are as follows: Harry L., of this review; Alfred T., who is a resident of Ottumwa; Anna E., who gave



her hand in marriage to H. C. Pedrick, of Van Buren county, Iowa; Edith M., at home; and Z. Maude, who is the wife of C. Schuyler Pratt of Fort Madison, Iowa.

Harry L. Edmunds, who was a lad of twelve years when he came to this county with his parents, attended the common schools of Ottumwa and also pursued a course of study in the Ottumwa Commercial College. Subsequently he purchased the agency of Mr. Graham and has since devoted his time and energies to the real-estate and fire insurance business, which has increased in volume about tenfold. He makes a specialty of city business, and the success which has rewarded his efforts is ample evidence of his ability and good judgment in this direction. His property holdings embrace the Edmunds flats, comprising four apartments.

On the 21st of May, 1895, Mr. Edmunds was united in marriage to Miss Ola Kitterman, a native of Wapello county and a daughter of E. C. and Matilda (Giltner) Kitterman, who reside on a farm in Dahlonga township, this county. Mr. Edmunds gives his political allegiance to the democracy, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Trinity Episcopal church. He is also the secretary of the Brotherhood and a member of the Country Club. The circle of his friends is a wide one, for he has ever displayed those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime win confidence and regard. Mrs. Edmunds, who has spent her entire life in Wapello county, also enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

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### MAJOR CHARLES EDWARD FULTON.

Many years have come and gone since Major Charles Edward Fulton passed away, yet his memory is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him while he was still a factor in the world's work. In presenting to the public the representative men of the city of Ottumwa and of Wapello county, who have by superior force of character and undaunted energy, together with a combination of the qualities of ability and sagacity, won for themselves commanding positions in public and private life, there is no example more worthy of consideration and emulation than that of Major Charles Edward Fulton. He rose above





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the commonly accepted standard in business, and at the same time he possessed in high degree those excellencies of human nature that win for men the regard of their fellows. His enterprise and determination enabled him to surmount all difficulties and obstacles in the path of business, and he advanced steadily to the goal of success yet never concentrated his efforts upon professional interests so entirely as to exclude an active part in public affairs. In fact, he was numbered with that class of distinctively representative American men who promote public progress in advancing individual interests and was a participant in many movements and measures which have to do with the public good. His was an honorable, upright life, characterized by loyalty in citizenship, by honor in business and by fidelity in friendship. He was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, November 13, 1833, a son of David and Jane (Carr) Fulton, likewise natives of the same county. They removed with their family from the Old Dominion to Ohio when their son, Major Fulton, was about nine years of age, settling near Urbana, where they resided upon a good farm about two and a half miles east of the city until called to the home beyond.

Major Fulton was one of a large family of children who reached adult age. He resided on the farm through the period of his boyhood and youth, obtained his education in the district schools and afterward engaged in teaching in the home district. His father had landed interests in Iowa, and the son came to this state to look over the property holdings of the father. Here he entered the Iowa Wesleyan College at Mount Pleasant. He had previously been a student in the high school of Urbana, Ohio, and throughout his life he was recognized as a man of student tastes and habits. When his more specifically literary education was completed he entered the law office of Judge Miller at Keokuk, who afterward became United States supreme judge. Major Fulton further continued his studies in the Harvard Law School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1860. He then returned to Urbana, Ohio, but located for practice in Cincinnati, where he entered into a partnership under the name of Fulton & Carr. In the summer of 1861 he was commissioned by Governor Tod of Ohio to raise a company of men at Urbana for service in the Civil war. He accomplished this purpose and was elected captain of what became Company A, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Late in the fall of that year they entered into active service in West Virginia, be-

coming a part of the Army of the Potomac. They participated in the battle of Port Republic in June, 1862, and following that engagement Captain Fulton was promoted to the rank of major and was in command of his regiment at the battle of Cedar Mountain, where he sustained a gunshot wound in the lung. He was then in the hospital for several months, after which he returned home in September, 1862. A month or two later he was honorably discharged, owing to disability occasioned by his wound.

Major Fulton then returned to Urbana and entered into partnership with his brother, Judge R. C. Fulton, for the practice of law. In the autumn of 1865 he came to Ottumwa and here opened a law office, engaging in active practice until his death. He formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, I. N. Mast, under the firm name of Fulton & Mast, this relation being maintained from 1868 until the death of the senior partner, March 28, 1870. In his profession his advancement was continuous. He achieved the highest distinction, and he deserved it. It is the theory of the law that the counsel who practice are to aid the court in the administration of justice. There was no member of the profession in Wapello county more careful to conform his practice to a high standard of professional ethics than Mr. Fulton. He never sought to lead the court astray in a matter of fact or law and would not endeavor to withhold from it a knowledge of any fact appearing in the record. He treated the court with the studied courtesy which is its due and indulged in no malicious criticism because it arrived at a conclusion in the decision of a case different from that which he hoped to hear. Calm, dignified, self-controlled, free from passion or prejudice and overflowing with kindness, he gave to his clients the service of great talent, unwearied industry and rare learning, but he never forgot there were certain things due to the court, to his own self-respect and above all to justice and a righteous administration of the law which neither the zeal of an advocate nor the pleasure of success would permit him to disregard. He was an able, faithful and conscientious minister in the temple of justice and in his private life was endeared to all by the simple nobility of his character.

It was on the 30th of June, 1863, that Major Fulton married Miss Tabitha A. Mast, and after living in Urbana until the autumn of 1865 they came to Ottumwa. Mrs. Fulton was born near Springfield, Ohio, December 10, 1841, and when three

years of age her parents removed with their family to Champaign county, Ohio, where she spent about fifteen years, being reared upon her father's farm. They then removed to Urbana, where she continued her education in the high school and later entered the Urbana Collegiate Institute, from which she was graduated. In 1860 she went to Fort Edward, New York, becoming a student in the Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, where she completed a course by graduation in the class of 1861. She has ever been a leading figure in the social circles of the city and has also been very active in church and benevolent work. In 1882 she became a charter member of the Shakespeare Club of Ottumwa, aiding in its organization. This club has had a continuous existence and she is now its president. For the past eleven years its meeting place has been her home. Mrs. Fulton is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which she became identified in her early life. She has been actively identified with various branches of church work and at one time was superintendent of the Sunday school. Out of the Mary Brooks Thrall Bible class, which met in Mrs. Fulton's house, developed the idea which took tangible form in the Ottumwa Hospital. The Ottumwa Hospital Association was incorporated November 29, 1892, and the hospital opened July 1, 1894. Mrs. Fulton has since been identified with that institution and for six years was president of the hospital association, which managed the business of the hospital. Her work has counted for much in behalf of sanitary and health conditions in Ottumwa as well as along various other lines of educational, humanitarian and benevolent work in which she has been active, and her aesthetic interest has found expression in her membership in the Ottumwa Art Club. Her home is the meeting place every week of clubs and societies, for the spirit of hospitality there reigns supreme. She is spoken of in terms of high esteem and love throughout the city and county. To Mr. and Mrs. Fulton were born two children: Florence, the wife of Bishop W. S. Lewis, a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church at Foo Chow, China, and Olive, the wife of Frank A. Nimocks, of Ottumwa, and the mother of one son, Fulton A.

In all of her church and charitable work Mrs. Fulton had the earnest indorsement, cooperation and support of her husband, Major Fulton, who was a member of the church from his boyhood, his entire life being actuated by his Christian belief and principles. His political allegiance was given to the Repub-



lican party from its organization and he was mayor of Ottumwa for the years 1868-69. He made an excellent official record, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity that left nothing to be desired. He held to high standards in his profession and to even higher standards in private life. As a citizen he did everything in his power to promote the welfare of the community. He held friendship inviolable, and his devotion to home and family was one of his most salient characteristics.

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### JOSEPH WARNER.

Joseph Warner has been a resident of Iowa ever since he was thirteen, coming to this state from Missouri in 1848. He was one of those adventurous spirits who sought wealth in the gold fields of California, going west when but a youth of seventeen and returning two years later by way of Panama. He relates many interesting incidents of those stirring times. After his marriage he began farming and followed that occupation for many years, and now lives retired in Eddyville, in the enjoyment of a comfortable income, which permits him to enjoy the evening of life in quietude and contemplation. He was born in Hancock county, Ohio, June 13, 1835, and is a son of Lorenzo and Charity (Lent) Warner, the former born in the Buckeye state and the latter in Vermont. She came to Ohio when nine years of age and was married in that state to Mr. Warner. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade and resided in his native state until 1836, when he removed to the middle west in order to improve his financial condition by taking advantage of the opportunities which he heard were plentiful in that section. He went to Caldwell county, Missouri, and lived there until the spring of 1848, when he made his entrance into Wapello county, locating on a farm which he had entered and where he lived until his death, in March, 1863. The mother later moved to Kansas, where she passed away. They were the parents of ten children, of whom three are living.

Joseph Warner attended the common schools of Caldwell and Wapello counties, but at the age of seventeen bade farewell to the parental home and crossed the plains to California, covering half of the distance with ox teams and making the remainder of the journey on foot. He resided in the Golden state until

1859, when he returned to Wapello county, where he began to farm and subsequently also served as superintendent of the county farm of Monroe county for five years. He later removed on a property which he had bought in that county and there he lived until his retirement. He was always progressive in his methods and gave close attention to all details so that he might derive the greatest benefit from his lands. His buildings were substantial, sanitary and suitable for the purposes for which they were intended. He installed new machinery and in many ways set an example to other agriculturists. Having acquired a competence, he removed to Eddyville, where he now lives, surrounded by the comforts of life.

In 1862 Mr. Warner married Miss Sarah A. Sherod, a native of Ohio and a daughter of John G. and Nancy (True) Sherod, who came to Wapello county at an early day in its history. Mr. and Mrs. Warner became the parents of eight children: Fred H.; Lorenzo D.; Della, who married Robert Young of Oakland, California; Alvin, and four who have passed away. Mrs. Warner passed away on Thanksgiving Day, 1896, and was laid to rest in Monroe county in Schaefer's cemetery. She was beloved by all as a woman truly good and ever ready to help any who were in need of material aid or of comfort in sorrow or of courage to face the future. Mr. Warner still takes an active interest in all questions and issues of the day, and is particularly concerned in the growth and progress of Eddyville, where he has valuable property interests. Although he gave his first vote to Abraham Lincoln, he has since supported the democratic party, finding its platform more nearly in accord with his ideals. For several years he has served on the school board and in other ways has furthered the intellectual and moral growth of his community. All who know him are agreed as to his high qualities of character and those whom he considers his friends are proud of that distinction.

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### RUSSELL W. HARPER.

Russell W. Harper is a member of the Harper & McIntire Company, controlling an extensive hardware trade. He was born in Ottumwa, November 4, 1877, and is a son of the Hon. Samuel H. and Cornelia (Russell) Harper. The father was

born near Zanesville, Ohio, April 23, 1843, and was a little lad of but ten summers when brought to Wapello county by his parents, who took up their abode on a farm about a mile and a quarter north of the present city limits of Ottumwa. There Samuel H. Harper was reared to agricultural pursuits, remaining upon the farm until 1862, when he could no longer content himself to follow the plow, for the country was involved in civil war and he felt that his first duty was to the Union. Accordingly, he offered his services to the government, becoming a private of Company B, Thirty-sixth Regiment of Iowa Infantry. In June, 1863, he received a commission from the secretary of war, making him a second lieutenant in the Forty-sixth Regiment of United States Colored Infantry. He was afterward advanced to the rank of first lieutenant and later to the rank of captain and was honorably discharged in February, 1866, thus closing a service that covered three years and seven months.

The following year Samuel H. Harper became actively connected with the hardware trade, in which line of business he continued until his death. He entered the firm of Henry & Haw, of Ottumwa, with whom he remained until 1869, when he established business on his own account as junior partner in the firm of Egan & Harper. A disastrous fire overtook them in 1873, destroying building and stock, but in the same year they purchased the hardware stock of Daggett & Edgerly, after which the business was continued under the firm style of Egan, Harper & Company, Mr. Edgerly remaining with the new firm. However, in 1875 he sold his interest to E. A. Chambers and in 1876 the firm embarked in the wholesale business by sending two men upon the road to represent their house to the trade. In 1881, when Mr. Egan disposed of his interest, R. C. Wilson and Frank McIntire entered the firm under the firm name of Harper, Chambers & Company. In 1881 fire again brought disaster to the house, destroying their building and largely damaging their stock. In 1885 Mr. Wilson retired from the firm and in 1892 Mr. Chambers withdrew, at which time the business was reorganized under the name of the Harper & McIntire Company and has so continued. In 1893 the large four-story building now occupied by the company was erected and the business year by year has continually increased until it has reached extensive proportions.

Samuel H. Harper continued in active connection therewith until his death, and he was also president of the South Ottumwa

Savings Bank, a director of the Iowa National Bank and of the Iowa Savings Bank and also vice president of the Phoenix Trust Company, while of the Chillicothe Savings Bank he was a director. He was widely recognized as a man of sound business judgment, of close application and of unfaltering energy. He never made engagements that he did not keep nor incurred obligations which he did not meet, and he enjoyed to the fullest extent the respect, confidence and honor of colleagues and contemporaries. His position in business circles is indicated in the fact that he was elected to the presidency of the Mississippi and Missouri Valley Hardware Association. He took an active part in politics and was serving as mayor of the city at the time of his death. He was also for five terms a member of the state senate and aided in molding the legislative history of the state. He indorsed and supported many important bills which eventually became laws, and he left the impress of his individuality for good upon the development and progress of the commonwealth. He likewise indorsed all those measures and movements which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. He served on the board of education and was a member of the board of directors of the Ottumwa Library. He was one of the directors of the Open Door Mission and was an elder in the First Presbyterian church. He was likewise on the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association and did all in his power to advance the moral progress as well as the material development of the community. His social nature found expression in his membership in the Wapello and Country Clubs, and his fraternal spirit was manifest in his membership in the Masonic lodge and in the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was state commander for the years 1905 and 1906. He was also commander of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, department of Iowa, in 1906-7. He died December 17, 1911, and in his demise Wapello county lost one of its most worthy and valued citizens, for his efforts were an element in public progress along many lines.

His son Russell W. Harper has spent his entire life in Ottumwa and is indebted to the public-school system for the educational privileges he enjoyed. After putting aside his text-books he entered the employ of the Harper & McIntire Company, accepting a clerical position and later going upon the road as a traveling salesman. Some time later he returned to the office, with which he has since been connected, and upon the incorpora-



tion of the firm in February, 1913, he was elected treasurer. Practically his entire time is devoted to the development of the hardware business, which is conducted along both wholesale and retail lines, its ramifying trade interests reaching out over a wide territory. He is also a director of the Iowa Savings Bank and the Agency Savings Bank and is financially interested in a number of other business enterprises of Ottumwa. He possesses the typical progressive spirit of the age and individual merit and worth have brought him to his present connection.

In June, 1908, Mr. Harper was united in marriage to Miss Edna Burroughs, of Marshalltown, Iowa. They belong to the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Harper is a member of the Wapello Club. His political allegiance was given the Republican party until 1912, since which time he has been identified with the Progressive party. The change in his political affiliation was characteristic of the man. He has always taken an advanced step when the way seemed favorable, and when he has felt that the times demanded it. He has never been content to remain in a groove marked out by others, and his initiative spirit and laudable ambition promise well for further success in the future.

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### FRANK EPPERSON.

Frank Epperson, of Eddyville, is not only an important factor in local financial circles as vice president and director of the Manning & Epperson State Bank, but as president of the Iowa Bankers Association occupies a position which brings him into contact with the banking interests of the state and nation.

Mr. Epperson was born in Eddyville, June 13, 1876, and is a son of F. M. and Louise Epperson. He attended the public schools of his native city, laying aside his text-books on May 20, 1894, in order to accept a position as a clerk in the banking and general merchandise firm of Manning & Epperson. He has since made continuous progress along this line, specializing to-day entirely in banking, and is vice president of the Manning & Epperson State Bank. He is considered one of the best judges of local conditions, and his advice is frequently sought in regard to financial questions. While he is a man of more than ordinary executive ability, he has a great capacity for detail and



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is thoroughly aware of the great value of system. While Mr. Epperson is most progressive in promoting new commercial and industrial enterprises by extending credit, he is cautious and conservative in regard to the investments of the bank, his first consideration always being the safety of his depositors. He is a man of unerring accuracy and possesses in an extraordinary degree that sixth sense of the banker—intuition as to character, rapid analysis of method, “what there is in a proposition”—in short he knows whom and what to trust. During the panic of 1907 he was appointed special state bank examiner and was elected vice president of the Iowa Bankers Association in 1913, succeeding to the presidency in March, 1914, upon the death of President D. L. Heimsheimer. Mr. Epperson was chairman of the state-wide committee which appeared before the Reserve Bank Organization Committee in Chicago in January, 1914, urging the alignment of the entire state of Iowa with the Federal Reserve Bank to be located in Chicago.

Mr. Epperson is a progressive republican but yet a republican, sincere in his adherence to that party. He has never desired public office, although he is ever ready to promote public enterprise. Fraternally he is one of the oldest members of Elks Lodge, No. 340, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and he also belongs to the Hamilton Club of Chicago.

On September 14, 1904, Frank Epperson married at Eddyville, Iowa, Louise, a daughter of John and Katherine Jager, who was born on a farm near Eddyville and was graduated from the Eddyville public school in 1902. She is a member of Chapter DG, P. E. O. Mr. and Mrs. Epperson have a little daughter, Lynette, born November 11, 1911.

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### WALTER T. HALL.

Walter T. Hall is at the head of one of the most important productive industries and business enterprises of Ottumwa, being senior partner in the confectionery manufacturing firm of Walter T. Hall & Company. Under his direction and capable management this business has grown steadily from a small beginning to one of extensive proportions and is a source of benefit and profit to the city as well as to the individual stockholders.



Mr. Hall is a native of Wapello county, and his record is one in which his fellow townsmen feel pride. His birth occurred in 1857, upon the old home farm ten miles north of Ottumwa, his parents being James and Evelyn (Worley) Hall, both of whom were natives of Ohio, born near Portsmouth. The Hall family came from England and was founded in America by the great-grandfather of Walter T. Hall. The Worley family is of German lineage and both families were established in Ohio during pioneer times. It was in 1823 that Evelyn Worley was born and in early womanhood she gave her hand in marriage to James Hall. In 1853 they left that state for Iowa and established their home upon the farm in Wapello county upon which occurred the birth of their son Walter. There the father carried on general agricultural pursuits for five years, or until 1858, when his life's labors were terminated in death. His widow continued to reside upon the farm for many years and then removed to Quincy, Illinois. She afterward returned to Ottumwa, however, in 1880 and now resides in Agency with a daughter. She is a well preserved woman of ninety-one years, having excellent health for one of her age, while her mind is clear and bright. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hall were born four children: Victoria, now deceased; Carrie, the wife of F. C. Byers of Summerville, Oregon; Julia, the wife of John Connelly of Agency, Iowa; and Walter T.

The last named remained upon the old home farm until ten or twelve years of age, when he accompanied his mother to Quincy and there resided until January, 1880. He then returned to Ottumwa, where he has since made his home. His education was completed by a high-school course in Quincy, and early in his business career he entered the employ of T. H. Mason & Company, manufacturers of baking powder, extracts, spices, etc. He removed to Ottumwa to enter business with H. M. Cockerill under the firm name of Cockerill & Hall, manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in baking powder, extracts, teas and spices. Their business proved a growing one and the partnership was continued until 1885, when Mr. Hall purchased his partner's interest and became sole proprietor, conducting the business alone until 1890, when he was joined by his brother-in-law, W. S. Vinson, while in 1892 J. W. Coen was admitted to the firm and remained a member for about three years. The last named had been with the house as traveling salesman for a number of years.

At the time the firm of Cockerill & Hall was dissolved Mr. Hall began the manufacture of candy, of which that firm had been jobbers for a few years. He started the manufacturing business in a two-story building on Third street. His trade grew steadily and in order to meet the demands of the business he added other space from time to time in the same block until eventually he was occupying a half block, consisting of three fronts. Later he extended the rear to a depth of one hundred and fifty feet and thus had a half block of buildings which he occupied entirely—three floors and basement. Still the business continued to grow until it exceeded the quarters occupied and a few years ago Mr. Hall and his partner Mr. Vinson purchased the entire block between Market street and the alley, with a frontage of one hundred and thirty-two feet and a depth of one hundred and fifty feet. The building is three stories and basement and he occupies the entire building save a room of about forty feet in width. Something of the growth and extent of the business as it is today is indicated in the fact that employment is now furnished to one hundred and twenty-five people in the factory, while twelve traveling salesmen are kept upon the road, their territory being largely Missouri and Iowa. The business, constantly increasing, has become one of the most important manufacturing interests of Ottumwa and this section of the state. Mr. Hall also has other interests. He is the vice president of the Citizens' Savings Bank and a director of the First National Bank. He also owns a controlling interest in the firm of Connelly Brothers & Hall, manufacturers of gloves in Chicago. Thus his interests have constantly broadened and, reaching out along ramifying lines, have covered a wide territory. His plans and purposes are always well defined and promptly executed and he possesses a spirit of enterprise that carries him easily over the difficult places in his path and enables him to reach the goal of success.

In 1886 Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Minnie M. Vinson, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Stephen Vinson. This marriage has been blessed with two children: Adine V., who graduated from Smith College of Massachusetts with the class of 1914; and Evelyn May, who will complete a course in the high school of Ottumwa in 1915.

Mr. Hall gives his political allegiance to the Republican party. He is without ambition for office, although he is never remiss in the duties of citizenship. Fraternally he is connected

with the Modern Woodmen of America, and his social nature finds expression in his membership in the Country Club and the Wapello Club. He is also president of the Commercial Association and is in hearty sympathy with the purposes of that organization, which seeks the material benefit of the city and also progress along many civic lines. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and he is an active, earnest church worker, serving as elder in the First Presbyterian church. He is a director in the Open Door Mission, organized for evangelical and benevolent purposes. Manly and sincere in action, honorable in purpose, his life has been one of signal usefulness to the community in which he makes his home, for his business activities have been of a character that have contributed to the general prosperity as well as to individual success.

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### JACOB LOWENBERG.

Jacob Lowenberg is the owner of what is known as the old Lowenberg homestead farm on sections 4 and 9, Dahlonga township. The place comprises one hundred and sixty acres. Iowa's land is naturally rich and productive when cultivated according to progressive methods and Mr. Lowenberg's place is no exception to the rule, for early spring planting brings forth abundant harvests and the quality of his crops insures a ready sale upon the market.

Mr. Lowenberg was born in Butler county, Ohio, March 4, 1838, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Shriner) Lowenberg, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America in 1835 and were married in Ohio, establishing their home in Butler county, where they lived for a number of years. In 1852, however, the father brought his family to Iowa, settling in Wapello county, where he purchased the farm that is now the property of his son Jacob. This part of the state was still largely a frontier district, and the family shared in all of the labors that have brought it to its present condition of agricultural development. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lowenberg, Sr., passed away in this county. They were the parents of seven children: Jacob, of this review; William, who is living in Wapello county; and five who have departed this life.

Jacob Lowenberg was a youth of fourteen years when he accompanied his parents to Iowa. He had gained his education in the schools of Ohio, and in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons. He was early trained to habits of industry and economy upon the home farm and worked diligently in the fields, assisting his father year after year until he had reached the age of twenty-three. He then started out in business life on his own account and for three years rented land, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until he had a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase a farm. He invested in land in Highland township and resided there for three and a half years, after which he sold that property and bought the old homestead of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 4 and 9, Dahlonga township, which he still owns and cultivates. The place is today well improved with modern equipments and his farm work, conducted along progressive lines, has resulted in the attainment of success.

In 1862 Mr. Lowenberg was married to Miss Ellen Fair, a native of Pennsylvania, born in York county, and a daughter of John and Rebecca (Fisher) Fair, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa in the year 1855, settling upon a farm in Wapello county, where they remained until called to their final rest. In their family were ten children, of whom seven still survive. Mr. and Mrs. Lowenberg became the parents of five children: Delpha May, the wife of Clinton Miller, of Dahlonga township; Arford J., who is living in Ottumwa; Cora E., the wife of Frank Connelly, now engaged in the glove business in Chicago; Roy R., also in Chicago; and Floy Lennett, deceased. The family are members of the Baptist church and Mr. Lowenberg belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge in Ottumwa, in which he has filled all of the chairs. He votes with the Democratic party and is well versed concerning the principal questions and issues of the day, but does not seek political office. He has held school office, however, being both director and trustee. He is today one of the old residents of the county, having lived here for about sixty-two years, and this enables him to speak with authority upon many questions relating to the history of this part of the state. He has lived to witness the gradual development that has brought about the present prosperity and progress of the county, his memory going back to a time when the farms were widely scattered and when several of the now thriving towns and villages of the



county had not sprung into existence. He has at all times stood for progress and improvement, and his influence has ever been on the side of right and justice.

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### WILLIAM S. ASBURY.

William S. Asbury has been successfully engaged in the practice of law at Ottumwa for the past five years and has won a merited reputation as an able representative of the profession in the county. His birth occurred in Blakesburg, Wapello county, Iowa, on the 1st of August, 1873, his parents being B. F. and Alta M. (Van Cleve) Asbury, who are likewise natives of this county, the former born on the 13th of June, 1852, and the latter on the 9th of March, 1850. At the present time they are residents of Albia, Monroe county, this state. Both the Asbury and Van Cleve families were among the first settlers of Wapello county, taking up their abode here before the advent of railroads. Benjamin Asbury, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Virginia, while the maternal grandfather was born in Indiana. B. F. Asbury, the father of William S. Asbury, followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. To him and his wife were born six children, as follows: Frank J., who passed away at Glenwood, Iowa, in 1907; William S., of this review; Fannie D., at home; Albert, who is deceased; Zilpha, the wife of Paul H. Barker of Des Moines, Iowa; and Zell V., at home.

William S. Asbury spent his boyhood at home with his parents, who in 1876 had taken up their abode on a farm in Ringgold county, this state. In 1884, when eleven years of age, he went to South Dakota and in that state herded cattle. There being no school in the vicinity; he carried books and conned his lessons while seated on his pony and attending to his duties as a cattle herder. He returned to Iowa in 1890, locating in Ringgold county, where he resided on a farm for two years. On the expiration of that period he entered a normal school, pursuing a general course in shorthand and typewriting. Subsequently he was employed by different firms at Sigourney, Keokuk county, as stenographer and bookkeeper, and later worked in a printing office, while in 1896 he became stenographer for Morris & Lowenberg, attorneys of Ottumwa. It was while in the service

of this firm that he took up the study of law. In 1903 he became identified with the conduct of an institution for feeble-minded children at Glenwood, Mills county, Iowa, being placed in charge of the printing department. He remained at Glenwood until 1907, when he entered the Creighton Law School of Omaha. The following year he became a student in the law department of Drake University at Des Moines, from which institution he was graduated in 1909, being admitted to the bar in the same year. During the past five years he has followed his profession in Ottumwa, enjoying an extensive and lucrative clientage. He is remarkable among lawyers for the wide research and provident care with which he prepares his cases. At no time has his reading ever been confined to the limitation of the questions at issue. It has gone beyond and compassed every contingency and provided not alone for the expected but for the unexpected, which happens in the courts quite as frequently as out of them. Mr. Asbury has met with experiences of a varied nature in the course of his business career. For several seasons he acted as advance agent for a theatrical company and in that capacity visited nearly every state in the Union.

In 1905 Mr. Asbury was united in marriage to Miss Pearl V. Miller, a native of Mills county, Iowa, and a daughter of Clarence L. Miller. They have one child, Charlotte Lemoine. Mr. Asbury gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He has attained an enviable position in the ranks of the legal fraternity in this part of the state and in professional and social circles alike has won a host of warm friends.

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### LESTER CHRISTOPHER HARDSOCG.

Lester Christopher Hardsocg, manager of the Hardsocg Manufacturing Company, is one of the younger business men of Ottumwa, but manifests a spirit of enterprise and progressiveness that has enabled him to rank in efficiency with many of much greater age. His birth occurred in Avery, Iowa, April 1, 1880, his father being Martin Hardsocg, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. In the common schools of Ottumwa the son began his education, which he continued through the

high school and when his text-books were put aside he entered the employ of the Hardsocg Manufacturing Company and there learned the machinist's trade, remaining in the plant from 1899 until 1903. In the latter year he went to the Nicholls Manufacturing Company, with which he remained as superintendent until 1906. He then returned to the Hardsocg Manufacturing Company and was superintendent until October, 1912, when he became manager, and is now bending his energies to administrative direction and executive control. This is one of the important productive industries of the city, and the business has been a source of material prosperity for Ottumwa as well as for the individual stockholders. Mr. Hardsocg is likewise a stockholder in the Hardsocg Wonder Drill Company. He is wide-awake and alert—a typical young business man of the period, and his energy and determination have enabled him to overcome difficulties and obstacles, such as all meet in a business career, and work his way steadily upward.

On the 18th of June, 1913, Mr. Hardsocg was united in marriage to Miss Louise C. Rosenaur, who was born in Ottumwa, a daughter of John and Mary (Kraitz) Rosenaur, the former now deceased, but the latter still a resident of Ottumwa. Mr. Hardsocg holds membership in the First Methodist church and gives his political support to the Republican party, with which he has been connected since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He also belongs to the Country Club and has many friends both within and without that organization. His life has been one of intense and well directed activity and is proof of the fact that industry wins.

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### JOHN BURNETT MOWREY.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man who has occupied a more enviable position in the financial and business circles of Ottumwa than did John Burnett Mowrey, not alone by reason of the success which he achieved but also owing to the straightforward business policy which he ever followed. He governed his conduct by the rules of strict, unswerving integrity and unfaltering enterprise, and his achievements represented the fit utilization of his time, talents and opportunities. His efforts, too, extended beyond the bounds of Ottumwa and







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MRS. JOHN B. MOWREY



brought him into close connection with financial circles in other cities. A native of Knox county, Illinois, Mr. Mowrey was born on the 10th of December, 1840, and the period of his boyhood and youth was spent upon a farm at the place of his nativity. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, and he developed habits of industry and diligence which remained factors in his success throughout the remainder of his days.

On the 1st of March, 1866, Mr. Mowrey was united in marriage to Miss Adeline Plummer, and they began their domestic life in Knox county, where for three years thereafter they maintained their residence. They then crossed the Mississippi into Iowa and made their way to Keokuk county in 1869, remaining there until 1877 when they removed to Ottumwa. Upon coming to Iowa they took up their abode upon a farm near Martinsburg and during the first winter after their arrival Mr. Mowrey engaged in teaching school. He afterward established a general store in Martinsburg, conducting the business for two years, during which period he met with excellent success. Withdrawing from commercial pursuits, however, he turned his attention to the live-stock business, in which he engaged with his cousin, the late I. D. Mowrey, remaining active along that line for sixteen years. Mr. Mowrey was a stock buyer for the well known firm of John Morrell & Company for several years following the establishment of their plant in Ottumwa. He then reentered the commercial field by opening a hardware store in Ottumwa, which he conducted for one year. In 1890 he entered upon what proved a most successful connection with financial affairs, being elected president of the Ottumwa National Bank. On the organization of the Wapello County Savings Bank, in 1897, he was elected its president and held both offices to the time of his death, wisely directing and safely guarding the interests of the two institutions and their depositors. Beside filling the office as president of the two Ottumwa banks, he was the chief executive officer of four other financial institutions—the Blakesburg Savings Bank, the Batavia Savings Bank, the Hedrick State Bank and the Farson Savings Bank. In all of the cities in which these were located Mr. Mowrey was held in the highest regard both as a man and citizen.

In his political views Mr. Mowrey was a republican, and from 1887 until 1891 he served as a member of the board of supervisors of Wapello county, in which connection he ren-



dered valuable service in behalf of public interests. He was also active and prominent in church work. In religious faith he was a Methodist and during his long residence in the city labored earnestly and effectively to promote the interests of his denomination. For several years he was superintendent of the Sunday school and did everything in his power to promote all the lines of church work and extend moral influence, which has led to the establishment of high standards among the people of this locality. He had a circle of friends that was almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance. He manifested unfeigned cordiality, was ever courteous, kindly and helpful and his example, both in his business and other connections, is one well worthy of emulation.

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### WILLIAM S. VINSON.

William S. Vinson, who has resided in Wapello county during nearly his entire life or for a period of forty-six years, has since 1890 been a member of the firm of Walter T. Hall & Company of Ottumwa, wholesale manufacturers of confectionery. His birth occurred in Aurora, Indiana, on the 13th of June, 1866, his parents being Stephen and Cynthia (Chisman) Vinson, who were likewise natives of that state. In 1868 the family home was established in Wapello county, Iowa, on a farm ten miles west of Ottumwa, where the mother died two years later. In 1870 the father took up his abode in Ottumwa, but the last fifteen years of his life were spent in Portland, Oregon, where he passed away on the 23d of September, 1910, at the age of seventy-eight years. Throughout the greater part of his active business career he worked as a stone mason and contractor. To him and his wife were born five children, as follows: Ella, who is the wife of W. E. Brown of Portland, Oregon; Emma, who gave her hand in marriage to W. A. Lawson of Portland, Oregon; Minnie M., who is the wife of Walter T. Hall, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work; William S., of this review; and Carrie A., the wife of E. W. Simmons of Ottumwa, Iowa.

William S. Vinson has resided continuously in Wapello county since brought here by his parents in 1868. He attended school until fourteen years of age and then secured employment

as a messenger boy with the Western Union Telegraph Company. Subsequently he became identified with the firm of Cockerill & Hall, wholesale manufacturers of baking powder, extracts, teas and spices, with which establishment he has remained continuously to the present time, being admitted to a partnership in 1890. The business is now known as that of Walter T. Hall & Company, wholesale confectioners. Mr. Vinson traveled in the interests of the concern for a period of seventeen years, selling goods both before and after becoming a partner. Since leaving the road he has devoted his attention to the manufacturing end of the business and in this connection has contributed materially to its success and growth.

Mr. Vinson has been married twice. In 1890 he wedded Miss Lena Hammond, a native of Indiana, who died at Ottumwa in 1900. They had one son, Harold S., who is connected with his father's business. On the 3d of January, 1910, Mr. Vinson was again married, his second union being with Mae Martin, a native of Wapello county, by whom he has one child, Willa Mae. Mr. Vinson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is identified fraternally with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is known as a public-spirited and progressive man who has the welfare of the community at heart, and as the years have gone by he has won for himself a creditable position in business circles.

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### EDWARD A. SHEAFE, M. D.

Dr. Edward A. Sheafe, a worthy native son and prominent medical practitioner of Wapello county, has followed his profession in Ottumwa for the past two decades with gratifying results. His birth occurred in this county on the 18th of December, 1861, his parents being Edward A. and Margaret (Godfrey) Sheafe, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Ohio. Edward A. Sheafe, Sr., made his way to California in 1850 and a few years later came to Wapello county, Iowa, being here joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret Godfrey, who had come to this county with a sister. He was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits until the time of his death in 1876. His widow, who survives, makes her home with our subject. She has an extensive circle of friends throughout the com-

munity which has so long remained her home. Her children are four in number, as follows: Sarah, who is the wife of William C. Redmon of Upland, California; Edward A., of this review; Henry, who is now a resident of Foster, Iowa, and Joseph, a practicing physician and surgeon of Kansas City, Missouri.

Edward A. Sheafe has resided within the borders of this county from his birth to the present time. He supplemented his early education by a scientific course in the Iowa State College, from which he was graduated in 1888, and in 1894 the State University conferred upon him the degree of M. D. Throughout the intervening two decades he has followed his profession in Ottumwa, his practice steadily growing as he has demonstrated his skill and ability in coping with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. He is a valued member of the Wapello County Medical Society, of which he has been secretary and president, and also belongs to the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 14th of October, 1896, Dr. Sheafe was united in marriage to Miss Martha E. Harlan, a native of Wapello county and a daughter of J. A. Harlan, a pioneer settler of this county, who is now living retired in Ottumwa. Dr. and Mrs. Sheafe have four children: Martha Lucile, Bertha Harlan, Edward A., Jr., and Virginia Mildred.

Dr. Sheafe gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has done able service as a member of the board of education. He is a Royal Arch Mason and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, while his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Christian church. He also serves as a director of the Young Men's Christian Association. Both Dr. and Mrs. Sheafe have always lived in this county and have long been numbered among its most esteemed residents.

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### SENECA CORNELL.

Seneca Cornell is engaged in the general practice of law in Ottumwa, having been representative of the bar of this state for thirty-two years. His professional career has been characterized by continuous progress, and he has also won high honors and dis-

inction in political circles. His birth occurred in Jefferson county, Iowa, March 12, 1858, his parents being Washington and Sarah (Wilson) Cornell. The father was a native of Warren county, Ohio, and was of English lineage, his ancestors having come from England to the new world, at which time settlement was made first in Canada. After living for a time in Warren county, Ohio, Washington Cornell came with his family to Iowa in 1849, making the journey across the country in a covered wagon. They were en route for California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific slope, but one of their children was taken ill and by reason thereof they stopped in Jefferson county, Iowa. Pleased with the country and its prospects, they decided to remain, and Mr. Cornell there successfully engaged in farming for a number of years, but eventually retired and established his home in Fairfield, where both he and his wife spent their remaining days. They were the parents of five sons and two daughters, all of whom are yet living.

Seneca Cornell, who was the third in order of birth in the family of seven children, was reared upon the home farm in Jefferson county and supplemented his district-school education by study in Parson's College at Fairfield, but had to put away his text-books when twenty years of age owing to the temporary failure of his eyesight. When he had recovered sufficiently to resume his studies he began reading law with Hon. James F. Wilson, a United States senator, at Fairfield, and was there admitted to the bar in 1882. He then began the practice of law in Eldon, where he remained for nine years, and in 1891 came to his present office in the Odd Fellows building in Ottumwa, where he has since been located. He conducts a general law practice and is thoroughly well informed upon many departments of jurisprudence. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care, presents his cause clearly and cogently and his logical deductions and correct application of all principles to the points in litigation have been the source of his effectiveness as an advocate.

Mr. Cornell has always been a democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and while living in Eldon he served as mayor of the city. He has always taken an active and helpful part in politics and is now a member of the congressional committee of the sixth district and is a candidate for the nomination for district judge. He was elected on the democratic ticket to the office of county attorney for six years and made an



excellent record in that capacity, his course winning him much favorable comment, especially the able way in which he handled the John W. Junkins case, the defendant being afterward hung. While acting as county attorney Mr. Cornell was honored by election to the position of president of the State Association of County Attorneys. Steadily he has advanced in a profession where progress depends entirely upon individual merit, and, working his way upward, he is today recognized as one of the prominent lawyers not only of Ottumwa, but of his section of the state.

In 1885 Mr. Cornell was united in marriage to Miss Clara E. Caster, a native of Ottumwa, and a daughter of Dr. Paul Caster, one of the well known residents of this city. They have a son, Rolla Washington. Fraternally, Mr. Cornell is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and has been very prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has been a member of the grand lodge and has been a colonel of the military rank of Odd Fellows. He is also one of the three trustees of the Odd Fellows Children's and Old Folks' Home at Mason City, and has been most active in promoting the work of the order, which is founded upon the spirit of helpfulness, and which inculcates high ideals of manhood. His life along many lines has proven one of usefulness and worth, and the majority of those who know Seneca Cornell entertain for him warm regard and respect.

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### CHARLES F. SHAW.

Charles F. Shaw, a photographic artist of Ottumwa, conducting a well equipped and liberally patronized gallery in this section, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 3, 1873. He is a son of F. B. and Helen R. (Griffen) Shaw, both of whom were natives of Maine and were descendants from ancestors who came to America on the Mayflower. The father served his country as a soldier of the Civil war, loyally protecting the interests of the Union, and after the cessation of hostilities he removed to Minneapolis, where he remained until 1877. In that year he became a resident of Ottumwa and was the promoter of the Iowa Steam Laundry, which he operated for fifteen years, or until his life's labors were ended in death. He enjoyed the

respect and good-will of his fellow townsmen, both as a business man and citizen. His widow survives and now makes her home with her son Charles F., their only child.

Charles F. Shaw supplemented his public-school education by a commercial course. He afterward took up the study of art and was connected with the Record Herald of Chicago for some time in a professional capacity. He then returned to Ottumwa and opened an art and photographic gallery, which he has since conducted. He does commercial work and is also connected with two railroad companies and does all the art and photographic work for various large concerns in Ottumwa. He has developed his latent powers and talents, and his ability has brought him to a position of distinction in this connection.

In 1899 Mr. Shaw was united in marriage to Miss Emma E. Hill, a native of Wapello county and a daughter of James Hill. They have become the parents of two children: Helen E., who is attending high school; and H. F., who is in the eighth grade. Mr. Shaw and his family occupy an attractive residence which he owns, and theirs is a hospitable home, its good cheer being greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

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### HENRY C. WILLIAMS.

Henry C. Williams, the owner of a large blacksmith shop in Ottumwa, has here been identified with the blacksmithing and machinist trades for about a half century and has won gratifying success in that connection. His birth occurred in Wapello county, Iowa, on the 22d of September, 1849, his parents being J. S. and Frances H. (Whitcomb) Williams, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They came to this country in 1843 and nine years later journeyed overland to Oregon by team, settling in Oregon City, where the father passed away in 1855. Subsequently the widowed mother returned to Iowa with her family, locating in Ottumwa, where she made her home for more than a half century or until called to her final rest in 1911. Four of her five children survive.

Henry C. Williams has continuously resided in Ottumwa since seven years of age. He attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and when sixteen years of age began learning the blacksmithing trade, with which he has been

identified continuously and successfully since, being now the owner of a large shop. An extensive patronage has always been accorded him, for he is widely recognized as a skilled and reliable workman.

Mr. Williams has been married twice. In 1873 he wedded Miss Samantha Bizer, a native of Wapello county and a daughter of O. P. and Margaret (Booth) Bizer, who came to this county in an early day. The father is deceased, but the mother survives and makes her home here. Unto Henry C. and Samantha (Bizer) Williams were born three children, namely: Margaret, Hester and Horace. The wife and mother passed away in 1882 and four years later Mr. Williams was again married, his second union being with Emma E. (Croll) Kirk, a native of Marion county, Iowa, by whom he has eight children, as follows: Francis H., Emma K., Mary W., Charles B., Ruth E., Martha, Virginia and Edward O.

In his political views Mr. Williams is a democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have chosen him for positions of public trust. He ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in the capacity of chief of police for a period of seven years and also acted as deputy sheriff, while for four years he served as a member of the city board of aldermen. For the past three years he has been one of the trustees of the city water works. He is identified fraternally with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and his wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Williams is a man well liked and highly esteemed, and his efforts contribute substantially to the upbuilding and promotion of the interests of his community.

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### JAMES R. BURGESS.

James R. Burgess, deceased, was an active and influential citizen of Ottumwa and had the distinction of being the youngest man ever elected to the office of city councilman in the county. He was called upon to represent his district in the state legislature and did much in molding public opinion and in directing the destiny of the district in which he lived. He was born in Bullitt county, Kentucky, on the 5th of April, 1857, and when he was three years of age his father, John Burgess, re-



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moved with the family to Keokuk county, Iowa, where he followed farming. Two years later he went to Sigourney, Iowa, where he remained for ten years, and on the expiration of that period came to Ottumwa, where he resided to the time of his death. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Carlisle, was also a native of Kentucky and is now residing with a daughter in Oregon.

James R. Burgess was one of a family of five children, two sons and three daughters, three of whom are yet living, while a daughter and James R. have passed away. The latter was educated in the common schools until his father's removal to Ottumwa and here he pursued a course in a business college. He then embarked in the retail pump business and in 1882 extended the scope of his activities by adding a stock of agricultural implements, buggies, etc. From a small beginning he constantly enlarged his business, owing to his capable management, enterprise and energy. Year by year his trade grew, and his business reached gratifying proportions.

Mr. Burgess not only won the confidence of the people in a business way but also came to be regarded as a man competent to discharge public duties and protect municipal interests. He was elected a member of the city council in 1883, being the youngest man ever chosen to that position in the county and the first democrat elected from his ward in sixteen years—a fact which indicated his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. He was also the second youngest member of the twenty-first general assembly of Iowa, to which position he was elected by the democratic and greenback parties in 1885. So ably did he represent his constituency that in 1887 he was re-elected and thus served for four years. He was a strong anti-monopolist and supported all bills that were of a character to check monopolistic control of public utilities or industries. His fellow townsmen further indicated their faith in him by electing him in 1890 to the position of chief executive of Ottumwa, and he served as mayor for two years. In President Cleveland's second administration he was appointed postmaster of the city and filled the office for four years. On the expiration of that period he resumed active connection with the agricultural implement and buggy business, in which he continued until his death on the 24th of July, 1902.

It was on the 27th of December, 1887, that Mr. Burgess was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wagner, who was born

in Agency, Wapello county, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Lauder) Wagner, the former a merchant. Mrs. Burgess was one of six children, four daughters and two sons, of whom one son died in infancy. She completed a course in the Ottumwa high school with the class of 1880 and afterward spent one year in the University of Chicago. She was a teacher in the Ottumwa schools until her marriage. She became the mother of a son and daughter who yet survive, and another daughter, Elizabeth Katharine, who died in July, 1903, when three and a half years of age. The son, John A., is pursuing the animal husbandry course in the Iowa State University at Ames and Mabel, also a student at Ames, is taking the home economics course. Both are graduates of the Ottumwa high school, the son being a member of the class of 1907, while the daughter is an alumna of 1912. She successfully engaged in teaching for a year prior to entering college.

Following her husband's death Mrs. Burgess turned to the profession of teaching in Ottumwa in the primary grades and after the Fairview school was erected she was principal there for three years. She was then elected county superintendent on the democratic ticket in the fall of 1908 and such has been the splendid record for efficiency she has made that she has been twice reelected and is now serving for the third term. She is a member of the Episcopal church and her work and influence have ever been on the side of intellectual and moral advancement. She deserves much credit for the capable and courageous manner in which she took up the arduous duties of life following her husband's demise. Theirs was a happy home life and the loss of Mr. Burgess was deeply felt throughout the community as well as in his own home, for he had many admirers and warm friends in this county and all who knew him respected him.

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#### A. D. WARDER.

The student of history cannot carry his investigations far into the records of Compentine township and Wapello county without recognizing the fact that the Warder family has long resided here and has been prominent in promoting agricultural progress and in advancing development along other lines.

A. D. Warder was born in Competine township, November 27, 1856, and is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of the county, his father being Philip M. Warder, who was a native of Virginia. In 1853, however, he came to Iowa, settling in Wapello county, and thereafter remained a resident of Competine township. Upon the old homestead which the father developed and improved, A. D. Warder spent the days of his boyhood and youth, remaining there until he had attained his majority. He then began farming on his own account, first securing a tract of land which he rented for five years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until at length his industry and economy had brought him capital sufficient to enable him to purchase a farm. He then invested in a farm in Pleasant township and still owns the original place, to which he has added from time to time until he now has four hundred and sixty acres on sections 4, 5, 6 and 8. He has lived continuously upon this farm throughout all the intervening years to the present time, and its excellent appearance is due to his care and supervision. He is systematic in his work, plans his tasks carefully and executes them with promptness. Moreover, he has come to know what the soil requires, the best time for planting and the best methods of cultivating his crops and, acting upon this knowledge, he is meeting with excellent success in his work.

In 1877 Mr. Warder was united in marriage to Miss Adella Carson, who was born in this county, a daughter of Calvin and Pertina Carson, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Warder became parents of ten children: Nettie, who has departed this life; Nancy M., now the wife of H. Muldoon; Pertenia E., the wife of Arch Shaw; Avis, the wife of William Decker; Goldie, the wife of G. H. Garber; Claude; Gladys, at home; Rex B.; Hilda, at home; and Allen H. The wife and mother passed away June 25, 1911, and was laid to rest in the Ottumwa cemetery. She was a faithful member of the Christian church and possessed many excellent traits of heart and mind, while her good deeds and kindly spirit endeared her not only to her immediate family, but to all with whom she came in contact. Mr. Warder has also led an earnest Christian life. He belongs to the church with which his wife was connected and is serving as one of its elders. His political indorsement is given to the Democratic party, and he has filled the office of township trustee. He is likewise treasurer of the school board and is much interested in the cause of education, believing the public-school system



to be one of the bulwarks of the nation. Mr. Warder deserves mention in this volume, not only as a representative of an old pioneer family, but as a man whose sterling worth classes him with representative citizens.

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### JOHN F. PECK.

John F. Peck has for fifteen years filled the office of city assessor in Ottumwa, and the record which he has made in the position is indicated by his long continuance in the office. He was born near Dayton, Ohio, April 3, 1841, and is a son of David and Elizabeth (Wagner) Peck, the former a native of West Virginia and the latter of Ohio. They were married in the Buckeye state and in 1857 removed to Muscatine county, Iowa, settling upon a farm, where they remained until called to the home beyond. Their family numbered six children: John F.; Margaret, who is the widow of Barney Sheeler, and now resides in Missouri; George W., who is upon the old homestead in Muscatine county, Iowa; Sarah and Ellen, both deceased, and Emma, the wife of Clarence Lee, now of Canada.

John F. Peck spent the first sixteen years of his life in the state of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Muscatine county, Iowa, where he attained his majority. He was married there in 1869, when a young man of twenty-eight years, to Miss Martha A. Lavery, a native of the state of New York, as were her parents, John and Sylvia (Remington) Lavery. Both her father and mother spent their entire lives in the Empire state and there reared their family of three children, namely: Mrs. Peck; Julius T., now deceased, and Roswell C., who is living in New York. Mrs. Peck was educated in an academy in her native state and taught for forty-six years, advancing from the primary grades to the university. She said it was her ambition to teach for fifty years, but her record fell short four years. She is a prominent, active and influential member of the Suffrage Club of Ottumwa and is a supporter of all movements for civic progress. She went to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1869, and there became the wife of John F. Peck. In 1870 they removed to Wapello county, and in 1871 she was a candidate for the office of county superintendent of schools on the republican ticket. She is a member of the Unitarian church

and her influence has been a potent force in promoting moral progress. To Mr. and Mrs. Peck was born a son who died in infancy.

Following their arrival in Ottumwa Mr. Peck secured a clerkship in a grocery store, where he remained for several years. He was afterward a police officer for a number of years and for the last fifteen years has filled the position of city assessor, to which office he has been elected on the republican ticket. He is most loyal in his support of the party and that he has made a capable official, systematic, prompt and faithful in the discharge of his duties, is indicated in the large majorities he receives when year by year he is chosen for the position. Both he and his wife are widely known in this county, where they have now made their home for forty-four years and where they have an extensive circle of warm and admiring friends.

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### JOHN W. EDGERLY.

John W. Edgerly stood as a man among men and his life record is interwoven with the records of Ottumwa, its business development and its progress along many other lines. His birth occurred in Boston, Massachusetts, October 3, 1833, and he passed away in Paris, France, August 16, 1894. During his youth his parents removed with their family to Somerville, Massachusetts, and after mastering the branches of learning taught by public schools he became a student in Harvard University, from which he was graduated in 1855 upon the completion of a four years' course. He became identified with the middle west in its upbuilding and development, accepting a position with the Burlington & Missouri Railway Company in 1857, at which time he became agent of the western end of the road as it progressed from Rome. He remained with the company until the line was completed to Ottumwa and then, deciding to cast in his lot with the residents of this city, he here embarked in the hardware business as a member of the firm of Daggett & Edgerly. From the beginning the enterprise proved profitable and was managed most capably and successfully for a number of years. After an existence of about fourteen years, however, the firm was dissolved on the 1st of February, 1873, and through the succeeding year Mr. Edgerly was connected with the Ottumwa

Iron Works as a member of the firm of Daggett, Harper & Edgerly. He then entered banking circles and on the 1st of January, 1874, was elected vice president of the Iowa National Bank, and in November, of the same year, became its cashier. His activities thereafter were concentrated largely upon the management and direction of the affairs of the bank and he proved a most capable, efficient officer, popular and obliging.

On the 20th of January, 1863, at Ottumwa, Mr. Edgerly was united in marriage to Miss Maria L. Chambers, a native of Zanesville, Ohio, and a daughter of S. G. and Louisa (Adams) Chambers, in whose family there were six children. Mr. and Mrs. Edgerly became the parents of seven children: Edward T.; Adine C.; John W., deceased; Alice L.; Helen; George; and Dennison, now a resident of Omaha, Nebraska.

Mr. Edgerly was always interested in the cause of education and for many years served as president of the school board, doing everything in his power to raise the standard of the schools in this city. In politics he was a republican and took an active part in securing the success of the party, yet was never an office seeker. His opinions, however, carried weight in party councils and he was regarded as one of the republican leaders in this district. He was a friend and associate of the leading men of Wapello county and his history is interwoven with its upbuilding, development and best interests. He was a man who could be relied upon under every circumstance and in every emergency to do the right as he saw it, and his worth as a man and citizen was attested by all who knew him.

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### THOMAS F. KEEFE.

Thomas F. Keefe, conducting business in Ottumwa as a general contractor, has been a resident of this city since the 2d of August, 1879, at which time he made the overland trip from Keokuk in a covered wagon. It was in the latter city that he was born on the 12th of November, 1864, his parents being Thomas and Ann Keefe, who were natives of Ireland, but in early life emigrated to the new world and were married in Marietta, Ohio. They became residents of Keokuk, Iowa, and there it was that Thomas F. Keefe pursued his education in public and parochial schools. He afterward took up the brick mason's trade, which he

thoroughly mastered, and in time became a general contractor, in which connection he won a liberal patronage by the skill and excellence of his work and the ability with which he managed and controlled his business affairs. He has erected a number of substantial buildings of the city and is himself the owner of some valuable property, being an equal partner in a half block of buildings at the corner of Green and Second streets, now occupied by the Iowa Auto Sales Company, the Wardrobe and the Garrick Theater. He is likewise a half owner of three hundred and twenty acres of rich farming land in this county, and his holdings are the visible evidences of a life of well directed thrift and enterprise.

. On the 25th of June, 1894, in Ottumwa, Mr. Keefe was united in marriage at St. Mary's Catholic church to Miss Caroline Mary Hibler, a daughter of Isaac and Catherine Hibler, who were early settlers of Mahaska county, Iowa. The children of this marriage are: Thomas E., George A., Mary C. and Edward I. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church, to the teachings of which they are loyal, while to its support they make generous contribution.

Mr. Keefe holds membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, being recognized as one of its local leaders. In 1892 he was elected alderman from the first ward and for eleven consecutive years continued in that position through re-election. He was also president of the city council for one term and exercised his official prerogatives in support of many progressive public measures which he deemed beneficial to the city in checking useless or extravagant expenditure or in advancing the public welfare.

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### MRS. DENISON B. MERRILL.

Mrs. Denison B. Merrill, well known and highly esteemed throughout the city of Ottumwa, was born in Albany, New York, on the 20th of February, 1861, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Watkin Herbert, who gave her the name of Fannie. Her education was acquired in the public schools of Ottumwa and on the 19th of May, 1885, she gave her hand in marriage to Denison B. Merrill of this city, who was a son of Mr. and Mrs.



J. H. Merrill. They became the parents of one son, Charles Greenleaf Merrill, who was born in Pasadena, California, April 17, 1888, and on the 28th of September, 1911, wedded Miss Mary Garner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garner of Ottumwa, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Merrill have a son, Charles Greenleaf Merrill, Jr., who was born in Ottumwa on the 18th of October, 1913. The widow of Denison B. Merrill still makes her home in Ottumwa, where she has a very extensive circle of warm friends. She is a devoted member of the First Presbyterian church and in her daily life exemplifies its teachings.

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### BERNHARD HOFMANN.

Bernhard Hofmann, a capitalist of Ottumwa, which city has been his home for more than four decades, is still engaged in the buying and selling of real estate and enjoys an enviable reputation in business circles here. His birth occurred in Baden, Germany, on the 29th of October, 1843, his parents being Bernhard and Julianna (Berg) Hofmann, both of whom passed away in that country. They had four children, as follows: Conrad, who still resides in the fatherland; Bernhard, of this review; Phillip, who is now deceased, and Rachel, who died in Germany.

Bernhard Hofmann acquired his education in the village schools of his native land and after putting aside his text-books in 1860 learned the trade of a cooper and brewer. He worked at that occupation for eight years and on the expiration of that period emigrated to the United States, locating first in New York, where he was employed for one month. Subsequently he resided in Chicago for four years, and in 1872 came to Ottumwa, Iowa, being here employed as foreman by the Bower & Schaub Brewery Company for two years. At the end of that time he embarked in the brewing business on his own account, being thus continuously and successfully engaged until 1890. From that time to the present, covering nearly a quarter of a century, he has given his attention to the buying and selling of real estate. In 1893 he erected the Hofmann building, which he still owns, and which is one of the most modern office buildings in Ottumwa. He owns six pieces of business property and also a number of dwellings and has long been numbered among the prosperous and representative men of his city.



*B. Hoffmann*



On the 15th of November, 1874, Mr. Hofmann was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Rosina Schlagater, a native of New York, and a daughter of Domenick Schlagater, who has now attained the venerable age of ninety-three years and makes his home with our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Hofmann have six children, as follows: Carrie, who gave her hand in marriage to Fred Dings, of Ottumwa; Frank, who is a druggist, and has one child; Dora, the wife of Monroe Thompson of Tacoma, Washington; Wilhelmina, who is employed in the library; Ralph, who resides in California, and has a son and daughter; and George, who makes his home in Salt Lake City, and has two daughters. The religious faith of the family is that of the Episcopal church. In his political views Mr. Hofmann is a democrat. The hope that led him to leave his native country and seek a home in the new world has been fulfilled, for he has won both friends and fortune in the land of the free and now in the evening of life can look back upon a well spent, honorable and useful career.

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### JOHN JAGER.

John Jager has attained a substantial position in life entirely through his own efforts. He is a native of France and at the age of nineteen came to this country practically empty-handed. He now lives in Eddyville, Iowa, after many years of successful farming, and although he has retired from business affairs still holds the position of president of the Manning & Epperson State Bank. There is also honor due him as a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. Jager was born in Lorraine, France, October 22, 1839, and is a son of John and Mary Barbara (Boulie) Jager, natives of France, who passed away in that country. The father followed farming and was successful in that pursuit. In their family were five children, of whom John, the oldest, and one sister are still living.

John Jager was reared and educated in his native land and at the age of nineteen decided to seek the opportunities of the western hemisphere in order to improve his position in life. He had learned the brewer's and cooper's trades in France and after coming to America located at first in Lee county, where for two years he worked on a farm at a wage of eight dollars per month. He then was employed in a brewery in Lee county for two years



and subsequently enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company E, Nineteenth Iowa Volunteer Regiment, his term of enlistment being three years. He participated in several of the important battles, and while in Louisiana was taken prisoner and put into a stockade at Taylor, Texas, where he was kept for ten months before he was exchanged, the transfer taking place at the mouth of the Red river. He was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, in 1865 and then returned to Lee county, where for about a year he was again engaged in brewery work. After his marriage he built a brewery in Bridgeport, Wayne county, Iowa, operating same until 1877, or for eleven years. He then purchased a farm in Mahaska county and moving upon the property, gave his attention to its cultivation until 1901, when he retired and moved into Eddyville. He still owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Jefferson county and sixty acres of the old homestead, while he also holds title to three hundred and twenty acres in Greeley county, Kansas.

Mr. Jager was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Simon, a native of Lee county and a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Papen) Simon, natives of Germany, who came to America and after their arrival settled on a farm in Lee county, where both passed away. In their family were three children, of whom Mrs. Jager is the only one now living. Mr. and Mrs. Jager became the parents of ten children: John J., of Monroe county, Iowa; Philip and Gustave A., both deceased; William F., of Mahaska county; Richard and Reinhardt, twins, the former a resident of Davis county, and the latter deceased; George W., of Jefferson county; Mary E., the wife of C. B. Barnett of Jonesboro, Arkansas; Simon, of Jefferson county; and Louisa Anna, who married Frank Epperson. All of those who grew to maturity attained substantial and honorable positions in life.

Mr. and Mrs. Jager reside in a handsome home in Eddyville, where they often entertain the many friends of the family. Although he has practically retired from business affairs he yet presides at the meetings of the board of directors of the Manning & Epperson State Bank, of which he is president, having filled that office for seven years. He is cautious and conservative in regard to the management of the bank, yet he is progressive and is ever willing to give credit to new enterprises if they can prove their worthiness to him. However, he takes no risks in investing the funds of the depositors, considering their protection the most sacred duty of any bank officer. He is a democrat, loyal to his

party and interested in its growth. He has always taken part in public affairs and has served as school director, as township trustee and as justice of the peace, discharging his various duties with faithfulness, conscientiousness and justice toward all. He has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1861, having held all of the offices in the local lodge and having served for two years as a delegate to the grand lodge. In fraternal, social and business circles he is respected and esteemed, enjoying that confidence which is merited by his character and his public-spirited citizenship.

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### ELMER JOHN LAMBERT, M. D.

Dr. Elmer John Lambert, an able and successful representative of the medical fraternity in Wapello county, has continuously practiced his profession at Ottumwa for the past fourteen years. He is a native of Keokuk, Lee county, Iowa, and a son of Thomas and Wilhelmina (Kaltwasser) Lambert, both of whom were born in St. Louis. The father is of English descent and the mother of German origin, and they were born in the years 1847 and 1856 respectively. They met and were married in Keokuk, this state, and when our subject was seven years of age came to Ottumwa, where they have remained continuously since, being well known and highly esteemed residents of the city. They have three children, as follows: Elmer John, of this review; Helen, who is at home; and William T., the manager of the Register and Leader office of Des Moines, Iowa.

Elmer J. Lambert completed the high-school course in Ottumwa with the class of 1895 and subsequently prepared for a professional career as a student in the medical department of the State University of Iowa, from which institution he was graduated in 1898. He likewise pursued post-graduate work in Chicago and since 1900 has followed his profession in Ottumwa, where he enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice accorded him in recognition of his skill and ability. With the most advanced methods of the profession he keeps thoroughly informed. He is a member of the Wapello County Medical Society, the Des Moines Valley Medical Association, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is also a popular member of the Boat Club and is identified

fraternally with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a republican. Dr. Lambert enjoys an enviable and deserved reputation in both professional and social circles of this county, and has won many warm friends among those with whom he has come in contact.

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### F. L. ROOT.

The name of Root has long been associated with the monument business at Ottumwa, and the enterprise established by his father is now successfully continued and conducted by F. L. Root, whose name introduces this review. He is a native of Van Buren county, Iowa, born December 7, 1849, and is a son of Moses B. Root, who was born in Ohio. There he resided until 1842, when he came with his family to Iowa, settling in Van Buren county. In his native state he married Elizabeth A. Howard, who was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and accompanied her parents to Ohio in her early girlhood. There she remained during her maidenhood and eventually gave her hand in marriage to Moses B. Root and accompanied him to Iowa. Following their arrival in Van Buren county Mr. Root engaged in the monument business, which he conducted there until 1860. He then brought his family to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he established a similar business, in which he continued until 1890, when death terminated his labors. His widow survived him for ten years and passed away in 1900. They were the parents of five children, of whom Howard and Mary are now deceased. The others are: F. L.; Ada L., the wife of L. H. Southwick of New York city; and Ettie L., the wife of W. A. Seeley of Kansas City, Missouri.

F. L. Root remained at home until he attained his majority, acquiring a good public-school education, and in 1870 he joined his father in business under the firm style of M. B. Root & Son. He became familiar with every phase of the business and was well qualified to assume active management as his father put aside the more onerous duties connected with the trade. He is enterprising and diligent and his close application has been one of the features of his growing success. His establishment is now liberally patronized, and for his monuments he has a ready sale. The output is artistic in finish and workmanship, and his trade

has grown year by year. In addition to his business he owns several properties in Ottumwa, from which he derives a good income.

In 1889 Mr. Root was united in marriage to Miss Clara B. Squire, who was born in Illinois and is a daughter of Daniel and Mary Squire, whose family numbered seven children. Mr. and Mrs. Root have become parents of two sons and three daughters: Howard F., who is a Harvard graduate and is now engaged in social settlement work in Boston; Mary E., who is attending school at Grinnell, Iowa; Blanch E., also a student in Grinnell; and Oscar and Mabel, both students in the high school at Ottumwa. The family attend the First Congregational church and in social circles occupy an enviable position. Mr. Root is a member of the Commercial Club and is in hearty sympathy with its movements for the development and upbuilding of the city. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in fraternal circles he is well known, belonging to Masonic Lodge, No. 269, A. F. & A. M., and also to the Royal Arch chapter. He is likewise prominent in the Odd Fellows' Society of Ottumwa, in which he has filled all of the chairs, and in the Woodmen of the World. He has ever been actuated by a progressive spirit in all the relations of life, and his energy and enterprise have placed him not only among the leading business men but also among the leading citizens who have had to do with shaping municipal progress and the public policy of Ottumwa.

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### HENRY P. COLT.

Henry P. Colt, a well known representative of the wholesale trade of Ottumwa, having since 1893 been connected with what is now the Haw Hardware Company, of which he is treasurer and director, possesses many substantial qualities which contribute to success, energy, industry and sagacity being numbered among his salient characteristics. He was born at Rochester, New York, July 1, 1851, and is a son of Judah and Emma (Brown) Colt, the latter a relative of John Brown, the distinguished abolitionist, whose labors did so much to bring about the freedom of the enslaved race. Judah Colt was born in Penfield, Massachusetts, and the mother in Essex county, New



York. His death occurred in Rochester, New York, on the 4th of September, 1864, while his wife passed away in St. Joseph, Missouri. In their family were nine children, of whom six are yet living. The father was a farmer and stock-raiser and thus provided for the members of his household. Following his death the family removed to the west, settling at Cameron Junction, Missouri, and in that state Mrs. Colt remained until her life's labors were ended in death.

Henry P. Colt was but thirteen years of age at the time of his father's death, and from that period onward he was the support of the family. In 1869 he made his way to Cameron Junction, where he was employed for a short time and afterward learned telegraphy on the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad. He was employed as agent at Forbs Station on the Kansas City & St. Joseph Railroad and later he entered the train dispatcher's office at Henderson, Kentucky, where he continued for a year. He next went to Strong City, Kansas, as an operator and subsequently was transferred to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he was ticket agent until 1880. In that year he accepted the position of bookkeeper for the First National Bank, with which he was connected for eleven years, or until the Citizens Savings Bank was organized. He then went to the new institution, with which he continued as cashier for two years. He then purchased the South Ottumwa Bank, which failed in 1893. About the same time he entered the wholesale hardware house of George Haw & Company and has since been with that establishment, which is now conducted under the style of the Haw Hardware Company. Mr. Colt is one of the stockholders and directors and for the past five years has been treasurer of the company, in which connection he is bending his energies to administrative direction and executive control. His opinions have constituted a valuable force in the successful management of the business, and he is widely recognized as a capable man, forceful and resourceful and thoroughly reliable and enterprising.

On the 22d of December, 1882, Mr. Colt was united in marriage to Miss Carrie J. Nicholson, who was born in Oneida county, New York, a daughter of John B. and Mary Nicholson. They are now parents of two children: Mary S., who is a graduate of the University of Chicago and is the wife of Earnway Edwards, of that city; and Arthur N., who is a graduate of the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames and is now with Swift & Company.

Mr. Colt gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally he is connected with the Masons, holding membership in the lodge, chapter and commandery. He is also a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church and his life, honorable and upright in all of its purposes and principles, has won for him the high regard, confidence and good-will of his fellowmen. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for, starting out in life empty-handed, all that he possesses has come to him through his energy, determination and capable management. Moreover, his record proves that success and an honorable name may be won simultaneously.

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### WILLIAM E. JONES.

William E. Jones has for almost a quarter of a century been successfully engaged in business as a flour, feed and grain dealer of Ottumwa and in that connection has won a gratifying and well deserved measure of success. His birth occurred in Ross county, Ohio, on the 28th of January, 1843, his parents being Enos and Hannah Jones, both of whom were born near Staunton, Virginia, and took up their abode in Ohio in an early day. The father there cleared the timber from a tract of land, erected log buildings and carried on farming for a number of years. In 1849 he came to Wapello county, Iowa, settling on a farm which is now included within the city limits of Ottumwa. His demise occurred in 1864, while his wife was called to her final rest in July, 1884. They were the parents of ten children, nine of whom grew to maturity. The three surviving members of the family are as follows: Thomas N., who is a resident of California; Ann, who is the widow of Austin Alcott and resides in California; and William E., of this review.

The last named, who was a little lad of six years when he came to this county with his parents, acquired his education in the public schools, first attending school in a primitive log house, but later in a brick building. He was reared to manhood under the parental roof and on attaining his majority took charge of the old homestead farm. He was actively engaged in its operation until 1869 and in that year embarked in the dry-goods business in Ottumwa as a member of the firm of Lively, Lewis & Company, with which he was identified for two years. In

1880 he turned his attention to his present field of business activity and for the past quarter of a century has dealt extensively in flour, feed and grain. Success has attended the undertaking in gratifying degree and he has long been numbered among the prosperous and representative merchants of Ottumwa.

On the 18th of May, 1865, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Whipple, a native of New York and a daughter of Ami D. and Savina (Marsh) Whipple, who were born in New York and Pennsylvania respectively. They came to Iowa about 1844 and spent the remainder of their lives in this state. Mr. and Mrs. Jones became the parents of two children, namely: Etta M., who is the wife of Henry Daggett; and Carrie M., who is the widow of Ralph Emerson and now lives with her parents.

In his political views Mr. Jones is a republican. He ably served as a member of the board of supervisors for three years and has also been on the school board for nine years, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Congregational church. He possesses those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime win confidence, respect and good-will, and by the consensus of public opinion he is accorded a place among the valued citizens of Wapello county, which has remained his home during almost two-thirds of a century.

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### HON. JOHN F. WEBBER.

Hon. John F. Webber, state senator and member of the Ottumwa bar, has engaged in law practice in this city since September, 1902. He was born in Ferris, Illinois, September 26, 1874. His father, William J. Webber, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, February 5, 1845, and in 1853 came to Iowa, but removed from Keokuk to Clark county, Missouri, and in 1863 went to Hancock, Illinois. He made farming his life work, following that pursuit until called to his final rest on the 8th of February, 1913. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Pilkington, was born in Hancock county, Illinois, November 4, 1850, and is now living in Carthage, Illinois. They





John T. Webber





had two children: Charles A., who is now a resident of Iowa City, Iowa, and John F.

The latter became a public-school pupil in Hancock county, Illinois, and afterward became a student in the law department of the State University of Iowa, from which he was graduated. He likewise pursued an academic course in Carthage College at Carthage, Illinois, and upon the broad foundation of good classical training he builded the superstructure of his professional knowledge. After leaving school he went upon the road, traveling for a farm implement house for three years. He then entered upon the practice of law, opening an office in Ottumwa in September, 1902. Here he conducts a general law practice, but gives particular attention to farm mortgages and investments and is regarded as a capable and enterprising business man. He is also a stockholder and one of the directors in the Ottumwa National Bank and the Wapello County Savings Bank of Ottumwa and the Blakesburg Savings Bank at Blakesburg, Iowa. His judgment is sound, his enterprise unfaltering and his laudable ambition and even paced energy have carried him into important relations.

On the 2d of October, 1900, Mr. Webber was united in marriage to Miss Estella L. Bailey, who was born in Ferris, Illinois, a daughter of George W. and Eliza (Ward) Bailey, the former a farmer by occupation, but now living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Webber are the parents of two sons: John F., born November 22, 1905, and Bailey C., born February 14, 1910.

The family attend the Methodist church, in which Mr. and Mrs. Webber hold membership. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Yeomen, while along more strictly social lines his connection is with the Wapello and the Country Clubs. Mrs. Webber is a member of the P. E. O. Society, the Legislative Ladies League of Iowa and other social and literary clubs of Ottumwa. His political indorsement is given the democratic party, and in 1910 he was elected to represent his district in the state senate for a four years' term, so that he is the present incumbent in the office. During the sessions of the general assembly he has proven his loyalty to the best interests of the commonwealth by his stalwart championship of many measures for the general good. He is a member of ways and means, appropriations, judiciary and other important committees and has been recognized as a leader in all legislation pertaining to taxation matters and

laws seeking to govern public utilities. He has also taken an important part in securing the passage of and is one of the authors of the present employer's liability or workmen's compensation law passed in the thirty-fifth general assembly. He is widely known and popular. His friends and fellows feel that he has broad knowledge of vital questions and issues of the day and that his position upon important questions is founded upon a public-spirited devotion to the general good.

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### LINCOLN DIMMITT.

In pioneer times the Dimmitt family was established in Wapello county and it was upon the old homestead that Lincoln Dimmitt was born, February 16, 1860, his parents being Beniah and Elizabeth Ann (Pagget) Dimmitt, who were natives of Indiana. Removing westward to Iowa, they settled in Wapello county in 1847. That this was largely a wild and undeveloped section of the state is indicated in the fact that there was much of the land still in possession of the government and Beniah Dimmitt entered a claim, which he converted into a good farm. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place when it came into his possession, but with characteristic energy he began the work of breaking the sod and tilling the soil, his labors ultimately resulting in the harvesting of good crops. Both he and his wife remained upon that place until called to their final rest, Mr. Dimmitt dying on the 11th of February, 1875, while the death of his wife occurred in October, 1906. In their family were eight children, of whom five are yet living: Lincoln, of this review; Laura; Beniah, now living in Seattle, Washington; Samuel, a resident farmer of Dahlonga township; and Tolbert, whose home is in Idaho.

Lincoln Dimmitt continued upon the old homestead until he attained his majority, and his youthful days were divided between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the tasks that came to him in connection with the cultivation of the fields. He early assisted his father in farm work and gained that experience which made him capable when he started out in business life on his own account. When he attained his majority he began farming in Dahlonga township on fifty acres of land which he rented, and later he purchased the farm of three hun-

dred acres on which he now resides on sections 2, 3, 11 and 12 of the same township. That his life has been one of diligence and industry is indicated in the excellent and well kept appearance of his place. He produces good crops and is also successfully engaged in stock-raising, making a specialty of Poland China hogs and Polled Angus cattle. In all of his business dealings he is reliable as well as energetic and his success is, therefore, well deserved.

On February 17, 1886, Mr. Dimmitt was married to Miss Mary Robertson, a native of this county and a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Van Winkle) Robertson, who were natives of Indiana. At an early period in the development of Iowa they came to this state and settled in Highland township, Wapello county, where they continued to reside until called to their final rest. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Robertson were born seven children, all of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Dimmitt became the parents of six children: Carrie C., now deceased; Lena, at home; Noble, who is in Canada; and Earl, Lee and Olen, also at home. Mr. Dimmitt has ever been interested in the public welfare and has cooperated in many movements for the general good. His political support is given to the republican party, and he is now one of the trustees of Dahlongea township. For thirty years he has been a member of the school board and is now serving as school treasurer. Fraternally he is connected with Ottumwa Lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M., and is also a member of Ottumwa Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs. Both he and his wife are connected with the ladies' auxiliary known as the Daughters of Rebekah, and Mrs. Dimmitt is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both are held in high esteem and enjoy the high regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact.

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### LEROY CHRISTIE.

Leroy Christie, secretary and superintendent of the Ottumwa Cemetery Association, was born in Newton county, Missouri, April 11, 1872. He is the adopted son of E. J. Christie, who was born in Randolph county Indiana, but is now a resident of Missouri. Leroy Christie was accorded the educational advantages afforded by the common schools. His youthful days were



spent in Newton county, Missouri, and he became a resident of this county in March, 1891. He is now superintendent and secretary of the Ottumwa Cemetery Association and has filled the position for eight years. Under his direction the cemetery has been greatly improved and beautified. He is well qualified for the duties that devolve upon him, and he never deviates from the high standard which he believes should be maintained in the care of the silent city.

At the time of the Spanish-American war Mr. Christie, then a young man of twenty-six years, offered his services to the government and enlisted as a sergeant of Company G, Fiftieth Iowa Infantry Volunteers. This company was organized at Ottumwa and for seven months was on duty ready to respond to any order from the government. At the end of that time Mr. Christie was mustered out at Des Moines. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding membership in its different branches, while in the local lodge he has filled all of the chairs. He is likewise connected with the Woodmen of the World and the Homesteaders and in the latter is chairman of the supreme auditing committee. His political views are those of the socialist party.

Mr. Christie was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Dorothy, a native of Wapello county and a daughter of E. C. and Mercy (Howard) Dorothy, now residents of Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Christie have one child, Dorothy E., born August 28, 1900. Mrs. Christie holds membership in the Rebekahs and the Homesteaders and also in the Baptist church. Both are well known here, and their respect for the rights of others, their courtesy and kindness in all social relations have won them many warm friends.

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### ANDREW G. WALLACE.

There are inspirational elements in the life history of Andrew G. Wallace, indicating as it does what may be accomplished when ambition points out the way to success and perseverance and energy enable the individual to continue therein although difficulties and obstacles may at times block his path. The career of Mr. Wallace may seem somewhat spectacular when we consider that he entered upon his present line of busi-

ness without previous experience and without capital, but back of it all is the story of unflagging diligence and constant watchfulness. He was born in Sweden, October 12, 1861, his parents being L. H. and Mary Wallace, also natives of that country, whence they sailed for America in 1869 and became residents of Wapello county, Iowa. They established their home upon a farm in Polk township and both there remained until called to their final rest. They had a family of eight children, of whom five are yet living.

Andrew G. Wallace spent his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads, the work of the fields largely monopolizing his attention during the summer months, while the winter seasons were devoted to mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools. In early life he conceived the idea of entering the printing business and never for a moment did he lose sight of his purpose, although at times he was obliged to resort to other methods to earn a livelihood. Today he is at the head of the Ottumwa Stamp Works, owning and controlling an extensive plant, which constitutes one of the most complete printeries in the state and is unsurpassed in its equipment by any of similar size. Of his business career it has been written:

"Few starts have been more humble; few men have possessed more undaunted spirit or greater determination to conquer in a chosen path—a path strewn with almost unsurmountable obstacles.. His is the case of a man winning success in a line in which at the outset he had absolutely no practical experience and only the whim, ambition, desire, or whatever you will, to go ahead with his pet business, secured for him the success that has attended his efforts. He crept before he walked. The discouragement he met at the outset would have made a man stop and change tactics, but his youth and inexperience would not let him. He plunged ahead and succeeded, as his present business testifies. When a boy on the farm, like other country boys, he became possessed of a hobby to begin some business that would earn him independence and freedom from the drudgery of the farm. Frugal in his habits, he saved his money and when still a boy bought a small printing press, suitable for printing cards, and also purchased a small amount of type. Before he left the farm he became a printer in a way and by sheer originality developed into a card printer for a number of people, who to encourage him and also because pleased with his work and his charges had him print name cards for them. At that time it

was a fad to have such cards and all of the young folks and many of their elders became his customers. It was this work which developed in Mr. Wallace the idea that he could establish a printing business and make it successful. Financial conditions did make this impossible, however, following his arrival in Ottumwa. He turned to other pursuits and became yard man for Riley & Carter, then managers of the Ballingall Hotel. After a time he rose to the post of steward and, leaving the hotel soon after a change in management, he decided to give his printing scheme a test. Even while at the hotel he carried on his side line of card printing and had a number of lads, many of whom are now men about Ottumwa, selling cards for him on a commission basis. In the summer of 1886 he rented a room in the basement of the First National Bank. The last of the first five months his receipts amounted to just nine dollars. Undiscouraged, he negotiated with a Chicago firm for twenty-five dollars worth of New Year's cards and by this deal cleared twenty-five dollars. This encouraged him and the next year he went into larger quarters in the Leighton building, where he remained for a year and then removed to the two upper rooms at his present location at No. 217 East Main street. Since 1889, when the move was made to his present location, the changes due to the growth of the business have been numerous. The upper floor of the building to the west and later a part of the one on the east were used until finally about six years ago the entire building at 217 East Main street was taken for the plant and today presents a quite congested appearance in the housing of the huge printery and the immense stock of goods carried.

"The printery, while always the chief factor in his business, has not been the only thing to which Mr. Wallace has given his attention. He has established a business in connection with his printery that has to do with offices of all kinds. All manner of modern office supplies from stationery to furniture, desks, filing cabinets, etc., are carried by the Ottumwa Stamp Works. All kinds of rubber stamp making are done, together with metal seals and checks, celluloid buttons and other novelties, safes and strong boxes for valuable papers, ink, paste, pens of all kinds as well as pencils and high grade stationery; in fact, everything used in an office may here be found. The printery is equipped second to none in the state according to size and it is not small. It is one of the few printing houses that owns the Monotype machine, which device gives it a constant new faced type and the

plant replenishes the stock of type when needed. Besides all kinds of job printing done by the firm binding to some extent is carried on. There are about sixteen employes at the stamp works, but none are more on the job than the founder and owner."

In 1882 Mr. Wallace was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Berg, a native of Sweden, who came to America in 1880. They became parents of eight children: Carl, of this city; Turull, deceased; Alida, the wife of Claus Klang of Ottumwa; May, the wife of George Lundgren of Des Moines, Iowa; Hildur, deceased; Elmer, of Ottumwa; Sigrid; and Catherine. The wife and mother is a member of the Swedish Mission church, while Mr. Wallace belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained high rank, reaching the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He also holds membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Royal Arcanum and the Maccabees.

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### PETER GALLAGHER.

Peter Gallagher occupies the responsible position of chief of police at Ottumwa and has long been connected with the department, in which he has worked his way upward by merit to his present position. He was born in Ross county, Ohio, December 30, 1861, and is a son of Peter and Sarah (Smith) Gallagher, both of whom were natives of Ireland and came to America in the early '50s. Crossing the Atlantic, they established their home in Brooklyn, New York, and subsequently removed to Ohio in the year 1859, at which time they took up their abode upon a farm in Ross county. There they lived for about three years and in 1863 went to Rock Island county, Illinois, where they again established their home upon a farm, which continued to be their place of residence until 1876. At that time they removed to Montgomery county, Iowa, where the father followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1886. The mother afterward removed to Red Oak, Iowa, and her last days were spent in Creston, this state, where she departed this life in 1909, at the advanced age of seventy-six years.

Peter Gallagher was one of a family of ten children, eight of whom are yet living. He acquired a common-school education in the various localities in which the family resided during



the period of his boyhood and youth. He was a lad of fifteen when the family home was established in Iowa, and he has since been connected with this state. In 1889 he removed to Ottumwa and entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company in the bridge department, with which he was connected for ten years. Since that time he has continuously filled public office. Becoming a member of the police force, he acted as patrolman for four years and was then advanced to the rank of captain, in which capacity he served for four years. He was next made chief of police and has occupied that position for four years. His record in connection with the department is most creditable and commendable. He has ever been prompt and fearless in the discharge of his duties and is now capably directing the interests of the public, whereby law and order are maintained and crime suppressed. His name inspires confidence in the hearts of the law-abiding and awakens terror among those who do not hold themselves amenable to the rules which govern society in all its relations.

Mr. Gallagher holds membership in the Catholic church, in the faith of which he was reared. Fraternally he is connected with the Woodmen of the World, which organization he joined twenty years ago. He has many friends in this community, where he is now widely known and where for a quarter of a century he has made his home.

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### JOSEPH LAWRENCE HARMAN.

Joseph Lawrence Harman, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a well known public official and business man of Ottumwa, passed away on the 16th of December, 1907, to the deep regret of all who knew him and had been associated with him in any of the relations of life. He was born at Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, on the 21st of July, 1840, and was a son of David and Hester (Lawrence) Harman, the former a native of Virginia, while the latter was of English ancestry and parentage. The son was reared in his native county and the district schools afforded him his educational opportunities. He continued at home until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when his patriotic spirit was aroused and he responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting as a private of Company I, Fourth Regiment In-





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diana Volunteer Cavalry (Seventy-seventh Volunteers) September 17, 1862. The regiment was organized at Indianapolis, Indiana, and was mustered in on the 22d of September. They proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky, and were attached to the Army of Kentucky, Department of the Ohio, from September until November. They were then transferred to the District of West Kentucky, Department of the Ohio, with which they continued until January, 1863, and then became a part of the Second Brigade, First Cavalry Division, Army of the Cumberland, with which Mr. Harman continued until November, 1863, when because of failing health he was honorably discharged and returned to his home in Ohio. During the period of his first enlistment his service, according to a memorial prepared by the Loyal Legion, of which he was a member, was as follows: "Pursuit of Bragg into Kentucky October, 1862. Action at Floyd's Forks and on Bardstown Pike near Mount Washington, Kentucky, October, 1. Bardstown October 4. Madisonville October 5. Duty in Western Kentucky till January, 1863. Operations against Morgan in Kentucky December 22, 1862, to January 2, 1863. Bear Wallow December 23, 1862. Munfordsville and Green's Chapel December 25. Ordered to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, January 1863. Near Murfreesboro January 21. Expedition to Auburn, Liberty and Alexandria February 3-5. Rutherford Creek March 10-11. Near Murfreesboro March 28. Franklin April 10. Tribune June 9-11. Middle Tennessee or Tullahoma Campaign June 22-July 7. Eaglesville and Rover June 23. Middletown June 24. Guy's Gap and Shelbyville June 27. Fosterville June 27. Bethpage Bridge, Elk River July 1. Passage of Cumberland Mountains and Tennessee River and Chickamauga, Georgia, campaign August 16-September 22. Reconnaissance towards Rome September 11. Alpine September 12. Dirt Town, Lafayette Road near Chattanooga River September 12. Reconnaissance toward Lafayette and skirmish September 13. Near Stevens Gap September 18. Battle of Chickamauga September 19-21. Operations against Wheeler and Roddy, September 30-October 17. Valley Road near Jasper October 2. Honorably discharged November 23, 1863, for disability contracted in line of duty."

When Mr. Harman had somewhat recovered his health he again offered his services to the Union, joining Company B, One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which he was commissioned first lieutenant on the 2d of October, 1864.

Again we quote from the Loyal Legion record: "Regiment organized at Camp Dennison, Ohio, and mustered in October 11, 1864. Left state for Nashville, Tennessee, October 11, thence moved to Columbia, Tennessee, October 20, and post and garrison duty there also guarding Tennessee and Alabama R. R. till November 24. Nashville campaign November-December. Attached to Third Brigade, Third Division, Twenty-third Army Corps, Army of the Ohio. Columbia Duck River November 24-27. Spring Hill November 29. Battle of Franklin November 30. Battle of Nashville, Tennessee, December 15-16. Occupation of Fort Negley till December 25. Moved to Columbia December 25, and garrison duty there to June, 1865. Attached to Second Sub District, District of Middle Tennessee, Department of the Cumberland. Moved to Nashville, Tennessee, June 23, 1865. Mustered out June 27, 1865, and honorably discharged from service."

In the fall following the close of the war Mr. Harman came to Ottumwa, arriving in the month of September, and here he resided continuously until his death, which occurred forty-two years later. He was a very industrious, energetic man, intelligent and capable. Soon after his arrival in Ottumwa he embarked in merchandising and later he entered upon public duties, following his appointment to the office of deputy county auditor. In 1876 he embarked in the insurance business by representing a number of the leading insurance companies of this country and some of the foreign companies. In this connection he built up a large and gratifying business, and he was also for several years a director of the Ottumwa National Bank.

On September 10, 1867, occurred the marriage of Mr. Harman and Miss Maggie Zollars, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Druckemiller) Zollars, natives of Pennsylvania and of Ohio, respectively. On coming to Iowa in 1854, they settled in Wapello county, where they continued to reside until called to their final rest. The father was extensively and successfully engaged in the real-estate business in Ottumwa for many years and was also a stockholder and one of the directors in the Ottumwa National Bank for an extended period. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, but Mrs. Harman is the only one now living. By her marriage she had a son, Frank, and a daughter, Lillie, but the latter, who had married Ben S. Benson, died several years before her father's death. Mr. Harman was a loyal member of the Christian Science church, to which Mrs.

Harman still belongs. As a citizen he was as loyal to the best interests of his city, state and nation as he was when he followed the old flag upon the battle fields of the south. All who knew him esteemed him highly, for he was an honorable man of exemplary moral worth and faithful as a Christian gentleman.

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### JAMES D. GRAY.

James D. Gray, who passed away in Ottumwa May 4, 1907, was long numbered among the prosperous business men of the city, winning success as proprietor of the Ottumwa Mineral Springs & Bottling Company. He was born in the Wapello county jail, in Ottumwa, November 6, 1860, when his father was serving as sheriff. His parents were L. E. and Annie (Carpenter) Gray, whose marriage was celebrated in Ottumwa. The father, a native of Indiana, came to Ottumwa, Iowa, in 1852. He followed farming for some years and in 1859 was elected sheriff, serving for one term. He later acted as alderman from the fourth ward in Ottumwa, being about the only democratic alderman ever elected from that ward. His wife died in 1876, aged forty-five years, leaving three children: Mrs. W. A. Carnes, of Ottumwa; John W. Gray, who formerly served as chief of police in Ottumwa; and James D., of this review. For his second wife L. E. Gray chose Eleanor Bedwell, who passed away in 1894. In 1878 he opened a grocery store near the Ballingall Hotel, conducting it for two years under the firm name of L. E. Gray & Sons. During this period he had formed a stock company and prospected for mineral water, and in 1880 bored an artesian well in East Ottumwa, which supplies an abundance of water. He had formerly been at Colfax and built the first large hotel there. In 1880, at a cost of thirty thousand dollars, he erected a hotel on the site of James D. Gray's subsequent bottling works at Ottumwa and conducted it as a sanitarium. The water is very strongly impregnated with sulphates of magnesia and iron and is excellent as a remedy for rheumatism and stomach trouble. L. E. Gray sold out this establishment about 1890, to E. K. Shelton, who conducted it until it was destroyed by fire in 1892. James D. Gray, who had worked as clerk in the hotel, then purchased the land and springs. The demise of his father



occurred at Ottumwa in June, 1895, when he had attained the age of sixty-six years.

James D. Gray was reared in Ottumwa, and his first work was as partner in the grocery firm of L. E. Gray & Sons. He subsequently went west to Kansas, was later married at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and immediately thereafter removed to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he engaged in the livery business for about one year. After living in various towns in New Mexico and Kansas, he returned to Ottumwa and engaged in the bottling business. He purchased the hotel site after the destruction of the hotel by fire in 1892, cleared up the debris and built a house. In 1894 he erected a building thirty-four by forty feet in dimensions, the upper part being used for a residence and the lower portion as a bottling works. It was located on Vernon avenue, one block from Main street, and the artesian well water flowed into the building. During the season a large amount of pop was manufactured, —about twenty-five hundred bottles daily,—and three wagons were kept busy delivering the goods. Mr. Gray also erected a good barn and other outbuildings. He did his own traveling in the interest of the firm and enjoyed a very extensive patronage.

On May 24, 1887, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, Mr. Gray was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Bedwell, a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, and a daughter of Thomas and Eleanor (De Ford) Bedwell, who were born in Indiana, came to this county in an early day and here spent the remainder of their lives. They had six children, four of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Gray had a daughter, Irene S., who was born on the 14th of February, 1890, and is now the wife of Fred W. Lang, of Ottumwa.

Mr. Gray gave his political allegiance to the democracy and for one term held the office of sheriff in Wapello county, making a highly creditable record in that connection. He was identified fraternally with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, in which he served as esquire for two years, and also belonged to the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Woodmen of the World, the Foresters of America and the Eagles, being worthy president of the last named. His religious faith was that of the Congregational church, the services of which his widow also attends. His demise occurred in 1907, and his remains were laid to rest in the Ottumwa cemetery. He had won many friends in both business and social circles of the city, so that his loss was deeply felt and his memory is still enshrined in the

hearts of many who knew him. His widow, who owns a residence and business property in the east end of Ottumwa, is also well known and highly esteemed throughout her native city for her many excellent traits of heart and mind.

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### WILLIAM F. McCARROLL.

William F. McCarroll, whose demise occurred in Ottumwa December 17, 1907, was for a number of years successfully engaged in business as a member of the firm of McCarroll Brothers, conducting a hardware establishment at No. 322 East Main street. His birth occurred in Kirkville, Wapello county, Iowa, on the 2d of August, 1869, his parents being W. F. and Mary (Millsack) McCarroll. The father came to Wapello county, Iowa, in 1864, and located with his family on a farm near Kirkville. In 1871 he took up his abode in Ottumwa and opened a stove and tinware store which he conducted until 1884, subsequently engaging in jobbing hardware, stoves, tinware, etc., at No. 105 East Main street. He was in partnership with his son, C. T. McCarroll, under the firm name of W. F. McCarroll & Son, until the time of his death in 1891.

William F. McCarroll, who was but two years of age when his parents established their home in Ottumwa, was reared to manhood in that city and enjoyed liberal educational advantages. He first embarked in business as a hardware merchant in association with P. C. Biddison and in 1900 joined his brother, J. B. McCarroll, as a member of the firm of McCarroll Brothers, dealing in general hardware, stoves, tinware, etc., at No. 322 East Main street. That relation was maintained with mutual pleasure and profit until the demise of our subject. William F. McCarroll was a practical tinner and a member of the tanners' union. He won a well deserved and gratifying measure of success in his business undertakings and left his widow and children in comfortable financial circumstances.

On the 20th of June, 1894, Mr. McCarroll was united in marriage to Miss Carita B. Hedrick, a native of this county and a daughter of General J. M. and Matilda C. (Haynes) Hedrick, the former born in Ohio and the latter in Illinois. They came to Wapello county at an early day and here continued to reside until they passed away. Mrs. McCarroll is the youngest in a

family of five children. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, as follows: Katharine, who is now a college student at Ames; Carita, a high-school student; John Morrow Hedrick, who also attends high school; Mary Morrow; and Dorothy. The husband and father was called to his final rest in 1907 and lies buried in the Ottumwa cemetery. His loss was deeply felt in both business and social circles of the city in which practically his entire life had been spent, and his premature death came as a great blow to his family. Mrs. McCarroll owns five residence properties and displays excellent executive ability in the management of her business interests. She has always lived in this county and has an extensive circle of warm friends within its borders.

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### SIMON P. CRIPS.

Simon P. Crips, manager of the freight department of the transfer business of which he was so long one of the proprietors, is well known not only in Ottumwa but throughout this section of the state. He was born in Wapello county, June 3, 1857, and is a brother of W. S. Crips, in connection with whose sketch on another page of this work the family history is given. He continued at home until twenty years of age and afterward spent one year in Kansas. Subsequently he returned to Wapello county, where he entered the employ of his brother in the transfer business, remaining in that connection until the fall of 1883, when he went to Lucas county, Iowa, where he conducted a depot lunch counter, spending two and a half years in that way. Later he returned again to Ottumwa and purchased a third interest in the transfer business, thus becoming a partner of his brother W. S. Crips. Through an extended period they conducted a successful business, having a liberal patronage. They conducted both the bus and freight lines and their interests were of an extensive character, but in June, 1913, they sold out, although Simon P. Crips remained with the business as manager of the freight department, thus insuring continued success in that connection.

It was on the 23d of February, 1886, that Mr. Crips was united in marriage to Miss Anna V. Jeffries, daughter of B. W. and Mary Jeffries, and they have become parents of two children. Lena Marie was graduated in music from the Ottumwa

Conservatory and is also a graduate of Mt. Pleasant College at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. For some time she engaged in teaching. She is now the wife of C. A. Palmquist, of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Harold Jeffries is a graduate of the high school of Ottumwa and is now associated with the Courier.

In politics Mr. Crips has always been a stalwart republican but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Arcanum, and his wife is a member of the P. E. O. and of the Women's Club of Ottumwa. They both hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Crips is serving on its official board. In the work of the church they are actively and helpfully interested and make generous contributions to its support. They own a fine residence on Chester avenue, and the hospitality of the best homes of the city is cordially extended them.

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### HARRY J. LYTLE.

Harry J. Lytle, a partner in the Ottumwa Auto Company, with which he has been connected since February, 1909, was born upon a farm in Mahaska county, Iowa, October 19, 1882. His father, A. J. Lytle, was a native of Ohio, born September 11, 1848, and in 1855 became a resident of Mahaska county, where he still makes his home, having resided upon a farm four miles northwest of Oskaloosa since 1856. He married Sarah Dice, who was born in Ohio, April 30, 1853, and they became parents of five children, those beside our subject being: Walter, who is living in Oskaloosa; Blanche, who is engaged in teaching in Grinnell, Iowa; James, who is upon the road as a traveling salesman for the Ottumwa Auto Co.; and Elmer, at home.

In the public schools of his native county Harry J. Lytle pursued his early education and afterward took a preparatory course in Penn College of Oskaloosa. He afterward devoted two years to a college course and then left school. In the school of experience, however, he has learned many valuable lessons which have made him a practical, energetic business man. He started in the business world by buying and feeding hogs, and later he turned his attention to the carpenter's trade. Eventually he



entered a hardware store in a clerical position and afterward purchased a moving picture show in Oskaloosa, which he conducted for eight months. In February, 1909, he came to Ottumwa and purchased a half interest in the Ottumwa Auto Co., with which he is still connected. They handle the Ford car exclusively and also conduct a wholesale auto supply business. Mr. Lytle handles the wholesale business in Ottumwa and does all the buying for the firm. Their patronage has steadily grown and makes their business of an extensive and important character. Mr. Lytle is also interested in an orchard project in Idaho. A young man, he has won a creditable measure of success for one of his years, and he falters not in the face of difficulties or obstacles, knowing that these can be overcome by persistent, earnest effort and honorable purpose.

On the 26th of October, 1911, Mr. Lytle was united in marriage to Miss Adeline Augustine, who was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, near Rose Hill, a daughter of A. J. and Ella (Moore) Augustine. The father is a well known real-estate man and a large stockholder in the Idaho orchard project previously mentioned. He was quite prominent in Oskaloosa business circles and at one time was director of a bank there.

In his political belief Mr. Lytle is a republican, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, and in its work he and his wife are helpfully interested. He is a member of the Wapello Club and the Country Club, and both he and Mrs. Lytle are well known socially in Ottumwa and have a circle of friends which is growing as the circle of their acquaintance broadens.

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### NEWTON L. ARRISON.

Newton L. Arrison, who has been active in recent years in shaping the political policy of Wapello county, and who in public office has proven himself loyal to the trusts reposed in him, was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1853. His father, George W. Arrison, a native of Pennsylvania, engaged in the commission business for many years and died in the Keystone state at the age of sixty-eight. In early manhood he had wedded Clara Humbert, who was born in Wooster, Ohio,



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and who has also passed away. Their family numbered ten children, of whom five survive, three of the number being in Pennsylvania and one sister in Michigan. These are: Jane, the widow of Henry Schmitz of Pennsylvania; Ethelbert, also of that state; Newton L., of this review; Sarah Elizabeth, who is the widow of Robert McConnell of Ironwood, Michigan; and Nellie, the wife of Richard Hitchens.

Newton L. Arrison pursued his education in Greene Academy of Pennsylvania and was associated with his father in the commission business until his removal to the middle west in 1878. Thinking to find better business opportunities in this section of the country, he made his way to Ottumwa and secured a position as shipping clerk in connection with the manufacture of artificial stone. He was thus engaged for two or three years. He then accepted a position in the postoffice, where he remained for nine years as clerk. He was afterward elected to the office of city clerk, in which capacity he continued acceptably for five years. He was also in the county auditor's office for four years and then turned his attention to the real estate business, in connection with which he laid out an addition to the city called Park Place. For some years, however, his time has been largely taken up with political activity. He was sergeant at arms in the convention at Baltimore and four years before had served in the same capacity in the national convention at Denver. He served one year as clerk in the state senate at Des Moines, and is now engaged in organization work on behalf of the democratic party. He has splendid executive ability, keen insight and sagacity, and these qualities are proving splendid factors in his work.

On the 17th of March, 1880, Mr. Arrison was united in marriage to Miss Anna Laura Caldwell, who was born in Ottumwa, a daughter of Paris Caldwell, a native of Virginia. The father was a farmer and in the year 1839 came to Iowa, settling first at Burlington. He thence removed to Wapello county, taking up his abode where Mr. Arrison now resides, although the tract on which he lived was then a farm. The date of his arrival was May 1, 1843, and this entire district was a pioneer region, in which the work of development and progress seemed scarcely begun. With the improvement and upbuilding of the county he was closely associated for many years and continued a worthy and honored resident of the county until his death, which occurred in 1899. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Margaret Hackney, is also deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Arrison



have been born two sons: Harry, who married Muriel McDonald and lives in Ottumwa, and Ralph Hackney, of Alliance, Nebraska, who married Elsie Tschirgi, and has two children, Dorothy and Glendale. Mr. and Mrs. Arrison have a pleasant and attractive home on the site where her father settled seventy years ago and their friends in this county are many. In religious faith they are Presbyterians and Mr. Arrison also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has the happy faculty of placing those whom he meets at their ease, is ever tactful and courteous, is ready at repartee and has other qualities which make him an admirable political leader, not the least of which is his firm belief in the doctrines which he advocates.

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### FRANK McINTIRE.

Frank McIntire needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for he is a representative of a family that has long figured prominently in Wapello county. His record is one which reflects further credit and honor upon an untarnished family name. He stands in a prominent position in business circles as a representative of many important corporate interests, including both commercial and financial enterprises. He is equally well known as president of the Harper & McIntire Company and the South Ottumwa Savings Bank and is vice president of the Hardsocg Wonder Drill Company. His entire life has been passed in Wapello county, and his youthful days were spent upon his father's farm, with the usual experiences of the farm boy. He is a son of William Clark McIntire, a native of Clark county, Ohio, who in 1843 married Eliza A. Myers and immediately afterward came to Iowa, settling in Keokuk township, Wapello county. That this district was a frontier region is indicated in the fact that the government still owned much of the land and Mr. McIntire readily secured a claim, which he at once converted into rich and productive fields. He continued actively in the development and improvement of the farm until his death, which occurred January, 30, 1881. His original home in this county was a log cabin and life was not free from many of the hardships and privations incident to the frontier. It is said, however, that he possessed that energy which conquers adversity and brings success.

The father recognized the value of education and provided his children with the best opportunities possible in that direction. Frank McIntire attended the public schools near the old home and afterward became a student in the Iowa Agricultural College at Ames, subsequent to which time he engaged in teaching for three terms. He made his initial step in the commercial world as a clerk in the hardware store of Egan, Harper & Company on the 15th of April, 1880, and eagerly bent his energies to the mastery of the business, with which he had thoroughly acquainted himself when, in January, 1881, he was admitted to a partnership, the firm name being then changed to Harper, Chambers & Company. With his admission to the firm he went upon the road as a traveling salesman and for ten years was engaged in that branch of the work. In 1891, however, it was felt necessary that he take his place in the office, for at that time Mr. Chambers withdrew. The firm style was then changed to Harper & McIntire Company and has so continued to the present. Theirs is one of the large wholesale and retail hardware establishments of the state. The business has constantly reached out along ramifying lines until the trade now covers a wide territory. The reputation of the house for promptness, enterprise and business integrity is unassailable, and by their progressive and reliable policy the owners have won the friendly regard of many patrons.

Important and extensive as is the business now controlled by the Harper & McIntire Company, of which Mr. McIntire is president, it does not cover the entire scope of his business interests, for he is a factor in the ownership and control of various other corporations, being now president of the South Ottumwa Savings Bank, vice president of the Ottumwa Savings Bank and vice president of the Hardsocg Wonder Drill Company. At one time he was also president of the Iowa Hardware Jobbers' Association.

Mr. McIntire resides at No. 228 West Fifth street. He has long been an interested witness of the growth and progress of the county, and his aid and cooperation have been important factors in promoting measures and movements for the general good. He is in hearty sympathy with the civic activity so strongly manifest in the last decade and believes each individual should use his opportunities for making the city better along commercial, esthetic and educational lines. The force of his character and ability is shown in his business career. He has never been

prompted by the spirit of vaulting ambition which often overreaches itself, yet he has never feared to venture where favoring opportunity has led the way and his perseverance and even paced energy have carried him into important commercial and financial relations.

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### WILLIAM B. ARMSTRONG.

For an extended period the life history of William B. Armstrong was closely interwoven with the history of Iowa and it is meet that he should have representation in this volume among the representative residents of his county. He was born in Milford, Pike county, Pennsylvania, on the 10th of August, 1830, and was a son of William and Mary (Pellett) Armstrong. The grandfather held a major's commission in the Revolutionary army and enjoyed the acquaintance and confidence of General George Washington. He was a man of marked force of character and ability and did much to shape public thought and action in his community. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth, called him to office, and he represented his district in the state legislature.

The father, William Armstrong, followed the occupation of farming in early life, but afterward turned his attention to milling, in which he was extensively engaged. He removed with his family to Sussex county, New Jersey, when his son William was but a small child and there the latter was reared and acquired a good common school education. His youthful days were passed in the east, and after attaining his majority, in 1851, he came to the Mississippi valley, wishing to see something of the western country. He made his way first to St. Louis, Missouri, where he secured a situation as clerk in a commission house. The next year he went to Athens, where he continued in a similar position until he resigned to engage in railroading. For a half century he was identified with the freight and traffic department and during the greater part of that period was continuously a resident of Ottumwa. He was recognized as one of the oldest railroad men in this part of the state, as well as one of the most capable and faithful. He arrived in Ottumwa when the city was small and gave little promise of rapid development. For a time he was freight and passenger agent at Croton, a small

town in Lee county, Iowa, representing the Keokuk, Fort Des Moines & Minnesota Railroad. He afterward occupied a similar position at Bentonsport, whither he went in the spring of 1860, but in September, 1861, he came to Ottumwa as agent for the same road, remaining in that position for eleven years. This road is now a part of the Rock Island system. He kept many souvenirs of his railroad service, one of which was the first way-bill ever made out on the Keokuk, Fort Des Moines & Minnesota Railroad, it being issued in the fall of 1860 at Croton. He also had in his possession a general order, issued from the office of the assistant freight agent at Burlington for the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company. It reads as follows:

“General Order.

“November 1, 1872.

“Mr. W. B. Armstrong has been appointed general agent at Ottumwa for this company, vice James A. Wentz, to take effect this date. Mr. Armstrong is authorized to countersign trip passes.

“Signed by William B. Strong, assistant general superintendent. Approved by C. E. Perkins, general superintendent.”

It was at that time that Mr. Armstrong entered the employ of the company, with which he continued until his death. On the 1st of January, 1883, the road became a part of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy system and Mr. Armstrong continued as general agent until the erection of the present Union depot at Ottumwa. He afterward acted as freight agent, while the passenger department was controlled by his son, the late William Armstrong. In June, 1903, the position of commercial agent was created, due to the enormous growth of the freight business in this city on the Burlington, and Mr. Armstrong was assigned to the latter position, which he continued to fill to the time of his death, with headquarters at the Union depot. On one occasion he said to a reporter: “I have seen considerable alteration and changes in the railroad business in my forty-seven years of service and although I am seventy-seven years of age, I am able to drive along at it for awhile yet.” He continued active until his demise and was one of the most honored, respected and trustworthy employes of the road. At various times he was identified with business enterprises, and Ottumwa ever regarded him as one of her most valued citizens.



In 1858 Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Thome, of Athens, Missouri, a daughter of Arthur and Eliza (Sharp) Thome. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania and her mother of Kentucky. Mr. Thome went to the latter state when a young man and was married there. In 1842 he removed to Missouri. He had been a slave owner in Kentucky and, becoming convinced that the practice of slavery was wrong, he sold out and went to Missouri. There he embarked in the milling business and on one occasion lost eight thousand dollars in the Des Moines river. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Thome were five children, but Mrs. Armstrong is the only one now living. She too was born in Kentucky, although she spent much of her girlhood in Athens, Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were born four children: William, who died November 28, 1902; Mrs. Mary Fetzer, a widow residing in Chicago, her daughter, Mary A., being now a student at the Northwestern University; Paul O., who died March 4, 1872; and Anna Thome, who is at home. There are also two grandchildren: William B. Armstrong and Mary A. Fetzer.

Mr. Armstrong was a prominent Mason and was a charter member of the lodge, chapter and commandery of Ottumwa and also the first treasurer of the commandery. In politics he was a republican. For several terms he was a member of the city council, was also city treasurer for several years and was school director for six years. He took an active and helpful interest in all that pertained to the welfare of his city and county, and his labors were directly beneficial. His many sterling traits of character brought him the high regard of all, and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His widow resides in Ottumwa, where she owns two fine residences and also valuable commercial paper.

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### JOSEPH HENRY MERRILL.

Few seemingly care to cultivate the qualities of leadership. They are not willing to enter upon the self-sacrificing effort which brings the individual to the forefront in any field of labor in which he may choose to engage. The great majority of people are content to remain in the stations into which they are born or are willing to follow the paths which others have

made easy. Occasionally here and there, however, are found those men whose initiative spirit carries them far beyond the common-place to the goal of success.

Such a one was Joseph Henry Merrill, founder and promoter of one of the most important commercial enterprises of Ottumwa—the extensive wholesale business which bears his name. He was born in Plymouth, New Hampshire, on the 27th of December, 1827. One of his brothers and the brother's seven sons were in the southern army and none of the number ever suffered even a scratch, although frequently in the thickest of the fight. When a young man, in his twenty-second year, Joseph Henry Merrill started across the plains for California in 1849, traveling by ox and mule team. After many weary months the journey was ended at Sacramento, and he and his father built the first toll bridge across the Sacramento river. He made his return to the east by way of the Isthmus route to Boston. Throughout practically his entire business life he was engaged in the wholesale grocery business. In 1854 he was married and the following year removed to the middle west. He was employed for one or two years in Peoria, Illinois, and was acting as agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at Mount Pleasant at the time of the birth of his son Herman. Leaving that city, he embarked in the wholesale grocery business in Ottumwa in connection with C. W. Kittridge, with whom he continued until 1861. During the period of the Civil war he was alone in business and following the close of hostilities he was joined by Major Samuel Mahon and the partnership continued until July, 1901. He then withdrew and in connection with his son Herman opened an office in the Electric building, starting a business which was developed into a colossal wholesale grocery business, recognized as one of the most important commercial enterprises, not only of Ottumwa but of this section of the state. Not only did he figure prominently in commercial circles but also became widely known in financial connections as president of the Iowa National Bank and as president of the City Savings Bank. He early became familiar with the fact that success tauntingly plays before the dreamer but yields its prizes to the man of persistent, earnest effort, whose activities are guided by honorable purpose. It was along such lines that he advanced until he reached the position of leadership accorded him.

In early manhood Mr. Merrill was united in marriage to Miss Garaphelia Burnham, who was born in Bradford, Ver-

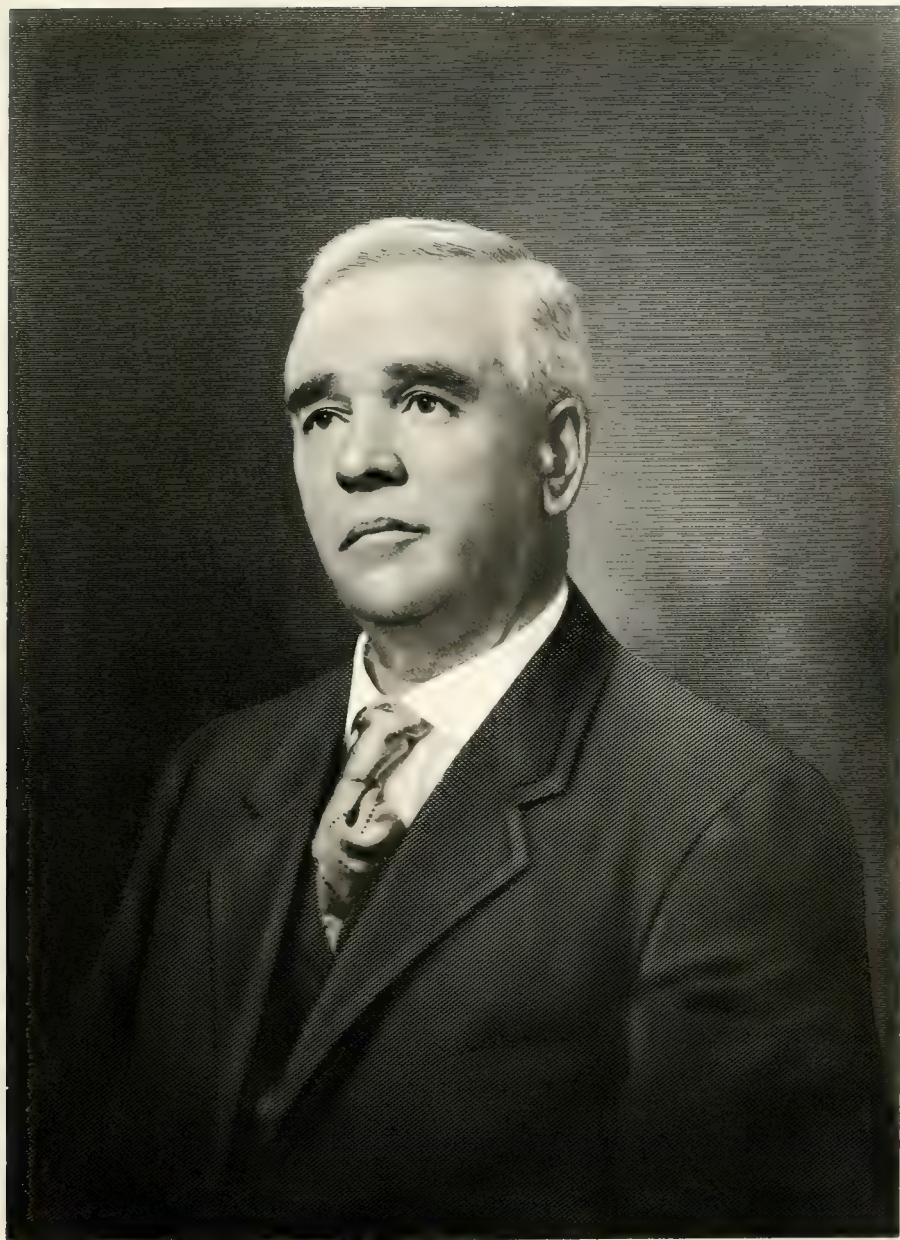
mont, September 13, 1831, and who reached the age of eighty-one years when called to her final rest. In their family were five children. One son, Denison Burnham, left at his death a widow and one son, Charles Greenleaf. The surviving member of the family is Herman W. Merrill, his father's successor in business at Ottumwa. The death of Mr. Merrill occurred in 1911, while his wife passed away in 1912. He did much to mold public thought and action along many lines, was always deeply interested in matters of citizenship and was a member of the state legislature from 1871 until 1874, inclusive, his re-election coming in recognition of his faithfulness, capability and loyalty during his first term. In every relation of life in which he was active his influence was felt as a factor for good and for progress.

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### JACOB W. JORDAN.

The honorable life record of Jacob W. Jordan makes his example one well worthy of emulation. His memory is cherished by many who knew him and most of all by those who knew him best, for they learned to know his many excellent traits of character and to respect him for the honorable motives which guided his life. He was born in Lancaster, Keokuk county, Iowa, April 9, 1849, and died on the 31st of May, 1910. For forty years he had been identified with the business circles of Ottumwa, being associated with his father, the late W. A. Jordan, and his brothers in the well known firm of W. A. Jordan & Sons. The father, W. A. Jordan, was a native of Columbus, Ohio, born on the 20th of August, 1820, and, moving westward, he became one of the pioneer settlers of Iowa. His parents were in moderate circumstances, but were of eminent probity, and under the parental roof the son learned lessons of industry and integrity that proved of untold value to him in later life. His educational training was that of the common schools and when eighteen years of age he started out in the business world on his own account, making his way to Keokuk, Iowa, when that city was but a small village. He started in business as a dealer in dry goods and groceries with but a small capital at his command. His careful and systematic business habits, his thrifty disposition and his unfaltering diligence soon brought their reward. He prospered in his undertaking and from time to time increased his stock in order to





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meet the growing demands of his trade. On the 21st of June, 1846, he entered upon a happy home life through his marriage to Miss Maria McGrew, who was born July 11, 1828, in Vigo county, Indiana. He died May 26, 1873, in the fifty-third year of his age. His wife led a long and useful life and was much interested in the progress of her home city until her death, May 1, 1910. For some years following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jordan remained residents of Keokuk county and in 1868 removed to Ottumwa, where he embarked in business, opening one of the pioneer general mercantile stores of this city. He brought with him enough capital to carry forward his enterprise and his business was one of constantly growing volume and importance. At the time of his death he owned three retail stores, drygoods, clothing and shoes. His interests, too, were of a character that contributed to the general upbuilding as well as the individual success, and he was widely recognized as one of the leading and honored merchants of his section of the state. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jordan were twelve children: W. B., whose home is in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jacob W., deceased; Albert, also deceased; J. C., who is living in Ottumwa; Charles, who has passed away; Mrs. Ira Myers; Mrs. G. F. Hall and Mrs. B. W. Ladd, twins, the former living in Ottumwa and the latter in Kansas City, Missouri; William G., a resident of Minneapolis; and Mrs. Claude Myers, Mrs. M. B. Hutchison, and Mrs. E. A. Work, all of Ottumwa.

Jacob W. Jordan was but a boy when his parents removed to Eddyville, where they remained for ten months before moving to Ottumwa. He attended school for two years at Fairfield and Mount Pleasant. He afterward received an appointment to the Annapolis Naval Academy at Maryland. Following his school days he spent one year in preparation for the naval service of his country, but owing to failing eyesight was forced to give up his cherished plans. He then went into business with his father and brothers, who at that time were conducting a boot and shoe store in the block between Court and Market streets in Ottumwa. Later the firm enlarged the scope of their activities, adding dry goods, clothing and other lines of merchandise. It was as a merchant that Jacob W. Jordan was best known to Ottumwa's citizens. He not only conducted interests of large extent and importance but also enjoyed an unassailable reputation for commercial integrity and honor. He would rather suffer personal loss than cause another to lose by a method that he might pur-

sue. He was serving his first term as a member of the board of supervisors when death suddenly called him and had made a record for marked ability and fidelity.

On the 12th of August, 1896, Mr. Jordan was united in marriage to Miss Laura Hennegin, who was born in Jackson county, Missouri, and is a daughter of Captain P. and Mary E. (Ross) Hennegin. She taught for ten years in the public schools of the city, being principal of the Lincoln school prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the P. E. O. sisterhood. Mr. Jordan was a member of the Masonic order and had attained to the Knight Templar degree. In their family are two sons: Jacob Wimer and John Clay Jordan. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were out for a pleasure ride in their automobile and while cranking the car he ruptured a blood vessel, which caused his death on the 31st of May, 1910. He passed away in the car ere help could be summoned and his demise was a shock to the entire community, causing the most profound regret and sorrow. His memory is still cherished by all who knew him either through business or social connections. His cordiality, his recognition of sterling qualities in others and his appreciation for all that is honorable in manhood won for him high and enduring regard. His life was one of increasing usefulness, and he left the impress of his individuality for good upon the history of his city and state.

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### HARRY EAGER.

Harry Eager is the proprietor of a tailoring and cleaning establishment in Ottumwa, where he has been continuously engaged in business since the spring of 1906. His birth occurred in Onarga, Illinois, on the 14th of November, 1875, his parents being C. R. and Helen (Skeels) Eager, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Ohio. They removed to Illinois in the '50s and in the year 1890 settled in Nebraska, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Four of their six children survive.

Harry Eager enjoyed the advantages of a high-school education in his youth and also attended Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga, Illinois, and when seventeen years of age secured a position as clerk in a dry-goods store in Nebraska, being thus employed for a period of seven years. In 1900 he came to Iowa

and learned the tailor's trade. In the spring of 1906 after spending a period of six years in the employ of Meek Brothers he embarked in business as a tailor in Ottumwa and five years later added a cleaning plant to the establishment. He has built up an extensive and enviable patronage in both connections and is numbered among the prosperous and enterprising business men of the city. He does all manner of steam cleaning and dyeing for ladies as well as gentlemen.

In 1901 Mr. Eager was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Pickett, a native of Iowa and a daughter of A. C. and Sarah E. Pickett, whose family numbered nine children. Our subject and his wife have one son, Percy R., who was born on the 7th of December, 1903.

Mr. Eager is a republican in politics but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with the following organizations: Lodge No. 269, A. F. & A. M.; Lodge No. 347, B. P. O. E.; Lodge No. 484 of the Loyal Order of Moose. He is also a member of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and the Royal Arcanum, belonging to Ocrum Council of the latter organization. Mr. and Mrs. Eager enjoy an extensive acquaintance in Ottumwa and are widely recognized as people of genuine personal worth.

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### SAMUEL MAHON.

Among the prominent residents of Ottumwa is Samuel Mahon, a capitalist, whose business activities have constituted not only a source of gratifying personal success but also a feature in the general prosperity of the city. A native of Ireland, he was born at Tyrrells Pass, in County Westmeath, on the 31st of August, 1840, and traces his ancestry back to Daniel Mahon, who was born in 1730. The line is traced down through Edward Mahon, born in 1765, to John Mahon, who was born in 1792. He wedded Sarah Ann Keith in the year 1822. In 1849 he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed with his family for the new world, becoming a resident of Xenia, Ohio.

In the public schools Samuel Mahon, who was a lad of about nine years when he came to America, pursued his education. He remained upon the home farm from 1849 until 1855, at which time he was placed in a store, being thus employed until 1861,



save for an interval of four months devoted to teaching in the country schools. Following the outbreak of the Civil war, however, he regarded his duty to his country as paramount and responded to the call for troops. He enlisted in July, 1861, as first lieutenant of the Seventh Iowa Infantry, with which he served for four years and one month, or until after the close of the war. His fidelity to duty was acknowledged in his promotion to the captaincy of his company in June, 1862, and in 1864 he became major on the reorganization of the Seventh Iowa Veteran Volunteer Infantry. He served in all of the campaigns under Grant and Sherman in the west, participating in the battles of Fort Donelson, Fort Henry, Shiloh, Corinth, Iuka, Chattanooga and Atlanta. He was also with Sherman on his march to the sea, participating in the capture of Savannah and in the campaign through the Carolinas. He was in the battles of Bentonville, Goldsboro, Raleigh and Durham Station, and was present at the surrender of Johnson. He then proceeded to Washington with his regiment by way of Richmond, participated in the Grand Review of Sherman's army and in due time was mustered out. He had had all of the experiences which fall to the lot of the soldier and returned home with a most creditable military record, having done his full duty to the Union.

Following the close of the war Mr. Mahon embarked in business, becoming a partner in the firm of J. H. Merrill & Company. From the beginning the enterprise prospered and year after year was successfully conducted. In 1900 the business was incorporated and has since been continued as the J. H. Merrill Company, Incorporated. Their patronage has grown year by year and theirs is today one of the most important commercial establishments of this section of the state. Mr. Mahon has been connected continuously with the business since 1865 and is now president of the J. H. Merrill Company and also of the Morey Clay Products Company. Extending his efforts into other fields, he has become a leading figure in financial circles in Iowa, being vice president of the Ottumwa National Bank, president of the Agency Savings Bank and the Chillicothe Savings Bank. He brings to his official duties in connection with bank management the same sound judgment and spirit of enterprise that have always characterized him in his commercial connections. His high standing in trade circles is indicated in the fact that he has been honored with the presidency of the Iowa-Nebraska Wholesale Grocers Association continuously for twenty years.

In Ottumwa on the 9th of July, 1872, Mr. Mahon was married to Miss Helen Therese Lang, a daughter of Professor Benjamin L. and Helen Mar (Thrall) Lang, the former a professor in Kenyon College at Gambier, Ohio, and acting president of that institution. Mr. and Mrs. Mahon have become the parents of five children: Edward, a graduate of Harvard University and medical school and now in the firm with his father; Marion, the wife of Professor William H. Haas, of the University of Chicago; Margaret; John Keith, in business with his father and who married Ellen Stoltz; and Samuel, who died in infancy. The religious faith of the family is that of the Protestant Episcopal church.

In his political belief Mr. Mahon is a republican, having indorsed the principles of that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He belongs to the Wapello Club and the Ottumwa Country Club and in both organizations is popular. It is a recognized fact that leaders are few. The great majority of men are content to remain in the position where circumstances or environment have placed them, lacking the ambition and initiative that would carry them forward. Mr. Mahon, however, does not belong to that class. From early manhood he has wisely used his time, talents and opportunities and has gradually advanced until he stands today among the foremost business men of Ottumwa, wisely and capably directing important interests and achieving success by reason of his strong determination and inflexible business integrity.

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### THOMAS H. PICKLER.

Thomas H. Pickler is filling the office of deputy collector of United States internal revenue service at Ottumwa. He has also been mayor of the city, and his public record has received the indorsement of the majority of his fellow townsmen. His birth occurred in Warren county, Illinois, April 18, 1859. He dates his residence in Iowa from 1861 and in Wapello county from 1862, since which time he has here made his home. He is a son of James R. and Elizabeth (Ball) Pickler. The father was born in Salem, Washington county, Indiana, May 9, 1830, and the mother's birth occurred in Kentucky in 1835. When she was fourteen years of age her parents removed to Indiana, settling in

Daviess county in the fall of 1850. In the same fall James Pickler arrived in that district and they were married in Daviess county in 1852. For about two years they were residents of Illinois. In 1861 they established their home in Monroe county, Iowa, but the following year came to Wapello county. Mr. Pickler engaged in the grocery business in Ottumwa for thirty years and since then has utilized his time in looking after his financial interests and investments. He was the first grocer of Ottumwa to begin the city delivery of his goods. He also sold flour and feed, conducting that business along both wholesale and retail lines. He was the first to ship flour in paper sacks and brought the first carload from Moline, Illinois, by boat to Burlington and by train to Ottumwa. This was in 1863 and he had to pay freight charges of fifty-two dollars on the car from Burlington—a twenty-six ton car. Mr. Pickler bought as high as six hundred barrels of flour at one time and sold the product all through northern Missouri, hauling by wagon to Missouri points.

While a most successful merchant James R. Pickler was reared to farm life and followed general agricultural pursuits in early manhood. His educational and other advantages were limited, but he made good use of his time, talents and opportunities and as the years passed on success attended his efforts, and he won for himself a prominent position in the field of commercial activity in Wapello county. He was but ten years of age when his father died, after which he resided with his widowed mother and her nine children. The first day that he went to school his father went with him and blazed the trail through the woods for two miles to make a short cut. The school season covered but three months of the year, and the schoolhouse was a small log building with puncheon floor and slab seats without backs. He would attend school for two or three days each week and would then be forced to remain away in order to assist in the work of the farm. He could hardly write his name when he entered the grocery business in Ottumwa, but he acquired a fair business education, learning many valuable lessons in the school of experience and developing his powers through the exercise of efforts until he was recognized as one of the foremost merchants of Wapello county. He recalls many interesting incidents of pioneer times and tells many an amusing story of the primitive methods of the early days. He is today one of the venerable and highly respected pioneer settlers of the

county. His wife passed away in Ottumwa in 1908. In the family were five children: Rose, who is the widow of J. B. Joslyn and is connected with mercantile interests in Ottumwa; J. W., living in Ottumwa; Thomas H., of this review; Frank, who died in 1911; and Etta, the wife of A. A. Wright of Ottumwa.

Thomas H. Pickler supplemented his public-school education by a course in a business college and received practical training in his father's store, in which he remained for a number of years. He then entered business on his own account as a dealer in groceries, flour and feed and in that connection built up a large trade, which he carefully directed year after year, acquiring therefrom a comfortable competence. He disposed of his stock of groceries eight years ago, when he was elected mayor, but afterward purchased the Spring Bottling Works and engaged in the manufacture of soft drinks for seven years. In business affairs his judgment is sound and his enterprise unfaltering.

In politics Mr. Pickler has been a lifelong democrat, firm in his advocacy of the party and its principles. In 1889 he was elected alderman from the first ward and again in 1890, 1891 and 1892. For four years he was a member of the school board and in 1901 he was elected mayor, to which office he was reelected in 1903, thus serving for four years. During his incumbency in the office the present central fire station was built and equipped. He also purchased the present patrol wagon and a team of horses. In July, 1913, he was appointed general deputy collector for the United States in connection with the internal revenue department, with headquarters at Omaha, Iowa and Nebraska being his territory. His public service has thus covered a long period, and he has ever been found faithful and loyal to the duties intrusted to him. For six years he was chairman of the county central committee, and he has attended various conventions as a delegate. He served as deputy postmaster of Ottumwa during President Cleveland's first administration, and he was a member of the police force in the position of desk sergeant for a short time.

In 1881 Mr. Pickler was united in marriage to Miss Etta E. Pickell, who was born in Wayland, Henry county, Iowa, November 25, 1858, and in childhood came to Wapello county with her parents, R. M. and Emeline Pickell. Her father was United States internal revenue collector for the first district of Iowa under President Lincoln. He died in Ottumwa and his



widow survived him for many years, passing away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pickler, January 27, 1912, at the remarkable old age of ninety-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Pickell were married in Sweetwater, Tennessee, in 1839 and in the same year drove overland in a covered wagon, locating on a claim in Henry county, Iowa. The log house which was their first home was for years the center of Methodism in that part of the state, services being held there and the circuit riders being there entertained. Not only was the hospitality of the home extended to religious gatherings, but it was as freely given for all neighborhood purposes. Singing schools, spelling matches and debates were held there, and in this way young men who later achieved distinction received their first training. Mrs. Pickell also served as postmistress for her township under appointment of President Buchanan. Mr. and Mrs. Pickell resided on the homestead from 1839 until 1872, when they moved to Ottumwa. They were the parents of eleven children, eight of whom preceded their mother in death.

To Mr. and Mrs. Pickler have been born three children: Alfred, who died at the age of one year; Herbert T., who was a graduate of the high school of Ottumwa, a student in the State Agricultural College at Ames, and who passed away in June, 1910, at the age of twenty-six years; and Bessie, at home.

Mr. Pickler is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Woodmen of the World, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of the Maccabees and the American Commercial Travelers. He has practically spent his entire life in this county and is most widely known, while his many substantial characteristics and qualities have brought to him the high regard of those with whom he has been associated.

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### CHARLES T. MCCARROLL.

On the list of Ottumwa's dead appears the name of Charles T. McCarroll, long prominently, actively and honorably associated with its business interests, being especially active in manufacturing circles. His life was at all times useful, purposeful and resultant, and in the accomplishment of his purposes he promoted not only individual success but also advanced the gen-



*C. S. McCarroll*



eral prosperity through the employment which he furnished to many workmen. A native of Ohio, he was born in Leesville, April 10, 1851, his parents being W. F. and Mary E. (Timmerman) McCarroll. The father was a representative of one of the old families of the Buckeye state and there devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits until he came to Iowa, establishing his home in Ottumwa. He married Mrs. Mary E. Ross, nee Timmerman, and she died when their son, Charles T. McCarroll, was but two years of age. A daughter by a former marriage was Mrs. Mary E. Hennegan. After losing his first wife the father wedded Mary Millsack, and they had four children: J. B. and W. F., well known in Ottumwa as partners in the firm of McCarroll Brothers, hardware merchants; Mrs. Phoebe Bid-dison; and Mrs. Laura Kilby, of Ottumwa.

Charles T. McCarroll was a lad of fifteen years when he accompanied his parents to Wapello county, settling upon a farm near Kirkville. There he resided until 1871, when the family removed to Ottumwa, and he and his father entered the hardware trade under the firm style of W. F. McCarroll & Son, purchasing the business of William Kraner on Main street. Twenty years later the father passed away, but the business was still conducted under the old firm style until February, 1898, when Charles T. McCarroll sold out to the Harper & McIntire Company and entered upon the business of manufacturing stoves. He bought land on West Second street and erected a building thirty by one hundred and eighteen feet, with an ell twenty by thirty feet to be used as a storeroom. He employed a large force of workmen, and he installed a large number of special machines, a number of which were patented by him. He not only engaged in the manufacture of stoves but also of huge tanks of his own invention. In 1901 he invented a tank heater and in 1907 a stove pipe thimble, which is the best on the market. He operated that plant until his death, which occurred on the 15th of July, 1911. His manufactured products all displayed an excellence that secured a ready sale for the output and year by year the business increased, its trade covering a wide territory.

Mr. McCarroll was united in marriage November 6, 1877, in Wapello county, to Miss Emma L. Foster, a daughter of Thomas Foster, and they became the parents of three children: Mary, now the wife of Ralph McCullough of Seattle, Washington; Helen, now Mrs. Charles B. Jordan, of Minneapolis; and Laura, who is a graduate of Ottumwa high school and still at



home. She is now connected with her mother in carrying on the business left by the husband and father, and has been superintendent of the McCarroll Manufacturing Company for three years. Mrs. McCarroll owns a farm in Washington township and a fine residence in this city. Both mother and daughter are ladies of excellent business ability, indicating their worth in the capable control of the interests which were left to them by husband and father. He was well known as a member of the Royal Arcanum and was a stalwart supporter of the republican party, which elected him to the office of alderman in the sixth ward. He was a charter member of the Wapello club. He was interested in all civic matters and supported every movement which he deemed of value and benefit to the community. His life was honorable, his actions manly and sincere and he enjoyed the respect, confidence and good-will of those with whom he came in contact.

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### THOMAS B. KALE.

Thomas B. Kale is one of the venerable residents of Eddyville, having passed his seventieth birthday. Throughout his active life he followed the trade of stonecutter and by industry, honesty and energy has acquired a competence. There is also honor due him as a veteran of the Civil war, for he was one of those who willingly stepped forward when the services of hundreds of thousands were needed in order to preserve the Union. He was born in Ohio, July 12, 1843, and is a son of David and Elizabeth (True) Kale, natives of the Buckeye state, where the father died in 1846. The mother migrated to Wapello county, Iowa, in 1853, and passed away on July 17, 1913, in her ninetyeth year. In their family were three children: Mary, deceased; Thomas B., of this review; and Matilda J., who married Martin Criswell of Eddyville.

His father having died when he was a boy of but three years, Thomas B. Kale was early called upon to make his own living. His education was meagre, but he made the best use of such opportunities as were offered him. At the early age of ten he began to learn the stonecutter's trade, and he has ever since remained true to that occupation. In 1862, when the call went forth for troops, he enlisted with Company F of the Eighteenth Iowa Infantry and served until the close of the conflict, partici-

pating in several of the most sanguinary battles. He was shot twice in the left side and was taken prisoner in Arkansas, but on the third day managed to escape. He was honorably discharged at Springfield, Missouri, and then returned to Wapello county, where he continued at his trade. For many years he followed that occupation and as more experience came to him his services were in much demand. In all his transactions he proved himself punctual, reliable, honest and trustworthy. On March 8, 1868, Mr. Kale married Miss Mary Luces, who was born in Kentucky and is a daughter of Bryant and Elizabeth (Prather) Luces, natives of the Blue Grass state. In the early years of their lives they removed to Illinois, where the father died, and the mother subsequently came to Iowa and passed away in Ottumwa. In their family were four children, all of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Kale have the same number in their family: Della J., who married Joseph Harris, of Buxton, Iowa; Lula, the widow of Mandus Sager; Elizabeth, who married John A. Reed of Sheridan; and Hattie May, the wife of William Homer of Davenport, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Kale have twenty-one grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Politically Mr. Kale is a republican and has always upheld that party, which stood stanchly for the power of the federal government during the time of civil strife. He is a public-spirited citizen, who is ever ready to support those measures which are undertaken in order to improve the city and county, and in a quiet way he has contributed his share to making Eddyville what it is today. He has many friends there and is regarded by all who know him as a useful and worthy citizen.

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### GEORGE F. HEINDEL.

George F. Heindel has been a successful representative of the legal fraternity in Ottumwa for the past twenty-three years, enjoying an extensive and lucrative clientage. His birth occurred in Gratiot, Wisconsin, on the 27th of August, 1869, his parents being Lewis W. and Emma F. (Rodolf) Heindel. The father was born in Lafayette county, Wisconsin, in 1842, and was there reared and educated. Subsequently he prepared for a business career and engaged in merchandising. He is now a merchant and banker of South Wayne, Wisconsin, and one of the prominent

and influential business men of that city. His wife, likewise a native of Lafayette county, Wisconsin, is a daughter of J. C. F. Rodolf, who was born in Switzerland. They became the parents of seven children, five of whom survive, as follows: George F., of this review; Marcus L., who follows farming in Wisconsin; Wilfred L., who is engaged in the mercantile business in Wisconsin; Roy L., also a resident of Wisconsin, and Sydney C., living in Atlanta, Georgia.

George F. Heindel received his preparatory mental training in the primary schools of his native county and in the high school of Warren, Illinois. He next entered the University of Wisconsin at Madison, in which institution he pursued a three years' collegiate course and which conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. in 1891. In August of that year he located in Ottumwa, Iowa, and began the practice of his chosen profession. He was associated with W. A. Work from 1892 until 1894, and the following four years were spent in partnership with E. E. McElroy. During the past sixteen years he has been alone in the general practice of law and has been accorded a most gratifying clientage. His success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury, and concise in his appeals before the court. Much of the success which has attended him in his professional career is undoubtedly due to the fact that in no instance will he permit himself to go into court with a case unless he has absolute confidence in the justice of his client's cause. Basing his efforts on this principle, from which there are far too many lapses in professional ranks, it naturally follows that he seldom loses a case in whose support he is enlisted.

On the 8th of November, 1894, Mr. Heindel was united in marriage to Miss Emma Reinhardt, a native of Ottumwa, this county, and a daughter of Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Kleine) Reinhardt. They now have three children, namely: Mary Frances, a high-school student; Dorothy Annetta, and Helen Martha.

Mr. Heindel gives his political allegiance to the democracy and takes an active interest in party work and organization. He is a member of the Commercial Law League of America and also belongs to the Wapello Club, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Arcanum. His religious faith is that of the Methodist

church. His ideals of citizenship are high, and in the relations of life which are of a more strictly social character he has displayed qualities which have rendered him popular wherever he is known.

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### CHARLEY E. JOHNSON.

Charley E. Johnson, engaged in general farming and dairying, is the owner of valuable property, comprising two hundred and seventeen acres on sections 19 and 30, Agency township. It was in this township that he was born on the 4th of November, 1864, and he is a son of Elijah and Priscilla Johnson, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. The year 1848 witnessed their arrival in Wapello county, Iowa, at which time they took up their abode upon a farm. They became the parents of six children: Charley E.; Elizabeth D., the wife of H. Mathes of Wapello county; D. W., living in the same county; Harry, a resident of Glenwood, Iowa; and two who have passed away. The father died on the 20th of February, 1909, after a residence of about sixty years in this part of the state.

Charley E. Johnson remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-four years and then took up his abode upon the farm where he now resides. In his chosen life work he has been very successful and the secret of his success is not hard to find, for he has ever been persistent and diligent and in business affairs displays sound judgment. He is today the owner of an excellent property of two hundred and seventeen acres on sections 19 and 30, Agency township, and thereon conducts a dairy business as well as general farming. He keeps a number of good cows for dairy purposes, and his dairy products find a ready sale on the market. He is also one of the directors of the Wapello Savings Bank.

On the 7th of March, 1889, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Mary B. Connelly, who was born in this county in 1867 and is a daughter of W. W. and Elizabeth (Ruckman) Connelly, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. The year 1845 witnessed their arrival in this county, which was then a frontier district, giving little promise of rapid or substantial development in the future. Mr. Connelly, however, lived to see remarkable changes ere his death, which



occurred April 16, 1908. His daughter Mary was one of a family of seven children, six of whom survive. Before her marriage she was a teacher in the public schools, but after her marriage she concentrated her energies upon the care of her home and children, who are three in number: Ethel Veda, who was born October 20, 1890, and is the wife of Joe M. Bohlender, of this county; Hazel Dell, who was born June 14, 1893, and is now in college in Mount Pleasant; and Ronald E., who was born September 5, 1895, and is also in college. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Johnson is a republican in his political views. For twenty-one years he served on the school board as secretary and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend, who does all in his power to further the interests of the community in that direction. His energy is unfaltering, and his advancement has been won along the lines of ceaseless business activity.

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### WALTER HAMILTON McELROY.

Walter Hamilton McElroy has been successfully engaged in the practice of law at Ottumwa since 1900, being still in the same location where his father opened offices about forty-one years ago. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Wapello county, his birth having occurred in Ottumwa on the 15th of August, 1878. His father, Ebenezer Erskine McElroy, was born near Greenfield, Ohio, on the 16th of February, 1849, and supplemented his early education by three years' study in Cornell University, which institution conferred upon him the degree of B. S. in June, 1872. Subsequently he prepared for the practice of law as a student in the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, being graduated therefrom with the class of 1873. In August of that year he located in Ottumwa, Iowa, which continued the scene of his professional labors throughout the remainder of his life, and an extensive and lucrative clientage was accorded him. He served on the school board for a longer period than any other school director of the county, holding the office for twenty-two years and acting as president of the board for ten years. Ebenezer E. McElroy was a republican in politics and served as a member of the city council for some time. His demise, which occurred in Ottumwa in 1906, was the occasion of deep and

widespread regret. On the 2d of July, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Belle Hamilton, a native of Greenfield, Ohio, and a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Hamilton. The children of this union are five in number, four sons and one daughter, namely: Clifford T., an architect of Minneapolis; Carl E., a wholesale grocer of Seattle; Walter Hamilton, of this review; Ralph T., who is engaged in the real-estate and insurance business at Ottumwa; and Evalyn, who is identified with the work of the Young Woman's Christian Association in Nashville, Tennessee. The mother of these children was called to her final rest on the 10th of May, 1883, and in 1884 Mr. McElroy was again married, his second union being with Elizabeth Milner, of Ohio, the ceremony taking place near Des Moines. To them were born two children: Edna M., who is now the wife of Ernest LeCompte, who conducts five shoe stores in Oklahoma City; and Edith M., the wife of M. D. Fezler, who is associated in business with Mr. LeCompte in Oklahoma. Mrs. Elizabeth (Milner) McElroy survives and makes her home in Ottumwa.

Walter H. McElroy completed the high-school course in Ottumwa in 1898 and subsequently took up the study of law in the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, from which institution he was graduated in 1900, being the youngest member of his class to receive a diploma. He immediately began practice in association with his father as a member of the firm of McElroy & McElroy and has since remained a successful representative of the profession in Ottumwa, devoting his attention to the general practice of law along realty lines principally. Mr. McElroy conducts an abstract department, doing business in the same location occupied by his father at the time of his birth. He is likewise a factor in financial circles as a director and stockholder in the Citizens' Savings Bank.

On the 6th of October, 1904, Mr. McElroy was united in marriage to Miss Lucille H. Wycoff, a native of Iowa and a daughter of H. E. Wycoff, of Cedar Rapids. Her mother has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. McElroy have a daughter and two sons, namely: Dorothy Alice, Robert Hamilton and John Wycoff.

Mr. McElroy gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now ably serving as treasurer of the school board. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum, the Wapello Club and the Country Club, and his religious faith is that of the First Presbyterian church. He has a wide acquaintance throughout

Wapello county, and his circle of friends is extensive, for his reliability and personal worth and his social, genial nature have gained for him the warm regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

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### ERNEST R. MITCHELL.

Ernest R. Mitchell, lawyer and law maker, practicing his profession in Ottumwa, was born in Mexico, Missouri, February 28, 1877. His father, John H. Mitchell, was a native of Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, born March 8, 1848. Removing westward he engaged in the drug business at Mexico, Missouri, Moulton, Iowa, and at Bloomfield from 1870 to 1892. From 1891 to 1894 he was a member of the state board of pharmacy under appointment of Governor Horace Boies. He is now engaged in the real-estate and insurance business at Ottumwa, having devoted his efforts to activity along those lines since 1897. He now has many clients in both branches of his business, and an analyzation of his life work shows that enterprise has been one of the chief features of his success. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Emma L. Dome, was born in Elkhart, Indiana, on the 25th of May, 1846. Both Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mitchell are still living. In their family were two sons, the elder being Fred R. Mitchell, a graduate of the Iowa College of Music at Grinnell and now a professor of music in Denver, Colorado.

Ernest R. Mitchell was but a young lad when his parents removed from Missouri to Iowa, and in the schools of Bloomfield he pursued his education until graduated from the high school with the class of 1896. In the following fall he entered the State University, where he pursued the liberal arts' course and won his degree in June, 1900. He next studied law with the firm of Steck & Smith and was admitted to practice by the supreme court of the state and the federal courts in 1902. Since that time he has followed his profession in Ottumwa and in a calling where advancement is proverbially slow he has made great progress, winning prominence and success by his thorough and competent methods and his comprehensive knowledge of the law. He was assistant county attorney of Wapello county from 1906 until 1910 and made an excellent



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record in that connection. That by no means limits the extent of his political activity, however, for he has ever been a stalwart advocate of democratic principles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and in 1912 he was elected on the democratic ticket to represent his district in the state legislature. He is a member of the judiciary, municipal corporations, public lands and buildings, pharmacy, state university, insurance, and code supplement committees, and is secretary of the last named. He was renominated without opposition.

On the 11th of September, 1912, Mr. Mitchell was married to Miss Martha L. McGavic, who was born in Ottumwa and is a daughter of S. L. McGavic, a lumberman of Ottumwa. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Ellen Boales, is deceased.

Mr. Mitchell is prominent in lodge circles. He belongs to Wapello Lodge, No. 12, K. P.; Ottumwa Lodge, No. 347, B. P. O. E.; and the Royal Arcanum. He is also one of the Ottumwa Oarsmen, a fact which indicates something of the nature of his recreation. His religious faith is evidenced in his membership in Trinity Episcopal church, in which he has served as vestryman since 1906. His ideals of life are high, his actions manly and sincere, and the course which he pursues, both at the bar and as a private citizen, commends him to the confidence, respect and good-will of all.

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### W. T. WILSON.

W. T. Wilson, a worthy native son and respected citizen of Wapello county, was elected to the office of county clerk in 1912 and in that connection has made a highly creditable record. His birth occurred on the 24th of October, 1864, his parents being Thomas A. and Lucy J. (Farmer) Wilson, the former born in Owen county, Indiana, November 20, 1830, and the latter in the same county, on the 23d of April, 1831. Thomas A. Wilson, an agriculturist by occupation, came to Iowa in 1851, settling on a farm in Wapello county. His last years were spent in honorable retirement at Ottumwa, where he passed away on the 20th of February, 1900. The period of his residence in this county covered nearly a half century, and in his demise the community lost one of its substantial and esteemed citizens. His

widow still survives and makes her home with our subject in Ottumwa. Their children were five in number, as follows: W. T., of this review; Josephine, the wife of Thomas J. Hayes, of Pueblo, Colorado; Prior F., a resident of Ottumwa; Ellen A., also living in Ottumwa; and Maude M., who died in infancy.

W. T. Wilson acquired his education in the common schools of Wapello and Ottumwa and also pursued a course of private instruction. On attaining his majority he turned his attention to the profession of teaching and subsequently entered the telegraph service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. He then became connected with the Griswold Abstract Company and still acts as its manager. At the end of seven years with that concern, in 1912, he was chosen clerk of the court and in that capacity has served to the present time, proving an efficient and highly satisfactory incumbent. The democratic party has placed him on its ticket as a candidate for reelection.

On the 28th of February, 1888, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Edna Griswold, her father being George Griswold, an abstracter of titles who passed away in 1898. Her mother, Mary (Morgan) Griswold, is still living and makes her home in Ottumwa. Mr. Wilson is identified fraternally with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Woodmen of the World and the Loyal Order of Moose, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Episcopal church. He has remained within the borders of Wapello county from his birth to the present time and has an extensive circle of friends who esteem him for his genuine personal worth and upright, honorable principles.

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### JAMES F. STEVENS.

James F. Stevens, filling the position of county auditor, to which he has twice been elected, was born in Blandchester, Clinton county, Ohio, September 8, 1863. His father, Frank Stevens, is a native of Little Falls, Herkimer county, New York, born September 6, 1840. In early manhood he wedded Maria McMorrow, who was born in County Sligo, Ireland, March 17, 1841. The grandfather of Frank Stevens' mother was Captain

Wetherstine, who served under General Schuyler in the Mohawk Valley and other campaigns and also under General Washington in the Revolutionary war. He attained the rank of Captain and for his services was granted three hundred and twenty acres of land on which the City of Rochester, New York is now located. Philip McMorrow, the father of Mrs. Maria Stevens, was a colonel of artillery in the British army in the Crimean war. He fought before Sebastopol and was stationed in Ireland at the time of his death. Frank Stevens laid out the first yards of the Wabash Railroad, then known as the Northern Missouri at Ottumwa, and for twenty-eight years he was with various railroad companies. In 1893, in connection with his son James, he purchased a farm in Wapello county, but is now living retired in South Ottumwa, where he and his wife occupy a pleasant home. It was in 1874 that he removed with his family to Davis county, Iowa, settling upon a farm which he purchased and residing there about ten years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were born two children, the younger being a daughter, Emma, now the wife of H. T. Lester, of South Ottumwa.

James F. Stevens, whose name introduces this review, was a little lad of about six years when the family first came to Iowa in 1869. He is indebted to the public-school system of the state for his educational privileges. He attended the old Adams school of Ottumwa in 1871-72, was afterward a student in other schools and in the Ottumwa Business College. He started out in the business world in connection with railroad work and after being employed in that way for a time returned to school. Later he engaged in railroading, serving in many capacities in connection with the track work of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and several other railroads. In connection with his father he purchased a farm in this county in 1893, and he now owns three hundred and sixty acres of land in Keokuk township, constituting a rich and well developed tract, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation. He carried on general farming and stock-raising and his well managed business affairs brought to him substantial success. Mr. Stevens' fellow citizens of Wapello county recognizing his worth and ability, called him to office. In 1891 he was appointed deputy auditor and served in that capacity for two years. In 1903 he made a complete set of town lot and land transfers and plats for the entire county besides doing other work in the auditor's and treasurer's offices. It was after that that he removed to the farm, upon which he lived



until he was again made deputy auditor for the years 1909-10. He was then elected auditor in the fall of the latter year and served through the succeeding two years, while in 1912 he was reelected, so that he is now serving for the fourth year as auditor, subsequent to four years' service as deputy. His political record is a commendable one, being characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day.

Mr. Stevens has been married twice. On the 27th of April, 1898, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna O'Brien, who for twelve years was a teacher in the schools of Wapello. She was a daughter of Michael and Bridget O'Brien, and she passed away July 25, 1902, leaving a daughter, Mary, who is now a student in the Sisters Academy. On the 5th of September, 1904, Mr. Stevens was married to Miss Christina A. Schmitz, who was born in the Rhine Province, Germany, a daughter of Christian and Anna (Klingebrun) Schmitz, both of whom are now deceased.

Mr. Stevens is a member of the Catholic church and of the Knights of Columbus. He also holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Moose. His life has indeed been a busy one, in which there have been few idle hours, and he has employed his time wisely in the mastery of all the duties that have devolved upon him. He has made a splendid record in office, while in business lines he has steadily progressed and is now the owner of valuable property holdings in this county.

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### W. T. HARPER.

Among the successful business enterprises of Ottumwa none is more prominent than that of J. W. Edgerly & Co., wholesale druggists of whom W. T. Harper is the president. It is largely due to his initiative and business understanding that the firm has succeeded in attaining its foremost position.

Mr. Harper was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, June 16, 1868, and is a son of W. T. and Jennie (Shaul) Harper. The former was born April 12, 1833, in Muskingum county, Ohio. He was one of Iowa's early pioneers, arriving in this state in 1854, and for the first years after his coming was engaged in teaching. He sub-

sequently found work in a drug store in Eddyville, there laying the foundation for the knowledge which brought him prominence in the drug business. In 1861 he entered the employ of the drug house of J. L. Taylor & Company, with whom he continued until 1875, gaining not only wide experience but a position of trust with this firm. In the latter year he entered the linseed oil business in which he continued until he sold out his interests to the National Linseed Oil Company. He afterward continued with that corporation until 1898, in which year they discontinued the manufacturing business in Ottumwa. Already in 1888 Mr. Harper had formed a partnership with J. W. Edgerly and Charles F. Harlan in the establishment of the firm of J. W. Edgerly & Co., which succeeded to the business of Blake, Bruce & Company, wholesale druggists. Mr. Harper, Sr., became one of the foremost business men of Ottumwa and enjoyed in full measure the trust and confidence of all those who had relations with him. He died in 1900. His first wife, Mrs. Jennie (Shaul) Harper, passed away in 1869, and to that union were born two children, the sister of our subject being Emma, who married Edwin A. Jones, of Great Falls, Montana. W. T. Harper, Sr., married, in 1872, Mary E. Knight, who bore him five children, four of whom are yet living. The three sons, Harry C., Ralph S. and Charles K., are all connected with J. W. Edgerly & Co., while the daughter, Mary E., is librarian of Parsons College at Fairfield, Iowa.

W. T. Harper of this review received his early education in the public schools of Ottumwa, graduating from the high school with the class of 1884. He then attended for one year Ames College and subsequently pursued his studies at the State University at Iowa City. In January, 1886, he entered the linseed oil business, in which his father had already attained prominence. He remained active along that line until February 15, 1890, when his connection with the firm of J. W. Edgerly & Co. began. He started in as invoice clerk, and as proof of his ability, his faithfulness, his aggressiveness and his sound business principles it is but to be stated that he is now president of that concern, and the firm of J. W. Edgerly & Co. is largely indebted to him for the prominent position which it has attained in the business world of the state.

Mr. Harper was married on June 18, 1889, to Miss Alice Beaman, who was born in Van Buren county, this state, and is a daughter of D. C. and L. A. (Smith) Beaman. The former is now

a well known attorney of Denver, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Harper have three children: Ruth B., Dorothy S., who attends school in Ames; and Alice L., who is pursuing her studies at Ottumwa.

Mr. Harper has always taken a deep and helpful interest in the progress and welfare of his city and state. He readily gives his material and moral support to worthy public enterprises, although he has never sought public prominence for himself. He is a republican and faithfully upholds the principles and candidates of that organization. The city of Ottumwa is largely indebted to men of the stamp and character of W. T. Harper for its rapid growth and, while he has attained to individual prominence and yet has not been an official factor in the growth of the city, he has been a vital force in making Ottumwa what it is today.

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### CYRUS H. MERRICK.

Cyrus H. Merrick, president of the Phoenix Trust Company of Ottumwa, is probably the oldest resident of Wapello county in active business.

Mr. Merrick was born in Sturbridge, Worcester county, Massachusetts, September 26, 1829, and is therefore in his eighty-fifth year. He is the son of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Henshaw) Merrick, and comes of old New England stock, his ancestors having been pioneers in the Connecticut River valley, settling at Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1638, having landed at Charlestown, Massachusetts, from Anglesey, Wales, in 1636.

Cyrus Merrick, the father of Cyrus H., left the family home at Monson, Massachusetts, and settled in Sturbridge in 1809 as junior partner of Burt & Merrick, being tavern keepers, store keepers and proprietors of a section of the stage line from Boston to New York. Mr. Merrick also served one term in the legislature of Massachusetts. At the time Lafayette revisited this country he stopped en route at the tavern of Burt & Merrick, which is still standing. After living successively at Sturbridge, Wilbraham and Lancaster, Massachusetts, being engaged in farming during this period and in securing a fair common school and academic education in the common schools and at Williston & Easthampton seminaries the subject of our

sketch decided to cast his lot with the growing west and arrived in Burlington, Iowa, October 15, 1851, having made the trip from Massachusetts by rail, boat and stage. The railroad west from Chicago at that time extended only to Belvedere, Illinois. Arriving in Burlington Mr. Merrick was first employed in the office of the lumber firm of E. D. Rand & Company. Later he entered the employ of the banking firm of Green, Thomas & Company at Burlington and was made manager of a branch at Fort Madison in 1853, it being the first banking house opened in that city. While living in Fort Madison his wife, who he had married in Ohio in the summer of 1853, passed away, and Mr. Merrick's health having become impaired, he was obliged to leave the west and returned to Massachusetts in 1855, where after a period of farm life he engaged in the shoe manufacturing business at Sturbridge, in which he remained until the winter of 1860-61, when he removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the paper manufacturing business until 1868, the company of which he was secretary-treasurer making during that period the first roll of paper used on a Bullock press, and, he thinks, the first roll of paper ever manufactured for a printing press. During the Civil war he assisted in the organization of the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served in the Pennsylvania militia during Lee's first invasion. His partner in business having received a commission, Mr. Merrick was obliged to remain in Pittsburgh in charge of the business. In 1868 he returned to Burlington, Iowa, where he was employed successively by the lumber firm of Gilbert Hedge & Company, the carpet and furnishing house of J. H. Wyman & Company, afterward Wyman & Rand, and the Whitebreast Fuel Company, shortly after its organization by J. C. Osgood and our respected fellow citizen, William Haven. In 1881 the office of the Whitebreast Fuel Company was transferred to Ottumwa, and Mr. Merrick brought his family here the latter part of that year. In 1882 he became secretary-treasurer of the newly organized Eldon Coal & Mining Company, being associated with Oliver M. and Charles F. C. Ladd. He was connected with this company until 1889 when the controlling interest was purchased by Messrs. W. R. & George P. Daum. About this time O. M. Ladd removed to Denver, Colorado, and Mr. Merrick took charge of his farm loan business, purchasing it in 1895. In 1903 he associated with himself a number of the leading business men of Ottumwa and incorpo-



rated his business as the Phoenix Trust Company, of which he was elected president, which office he still holds.

Mr. Merrick was married in June, 1853, to Ellen H., daughter of William and Margaret Lang, at Kenton, Ohio. She died January 6, 1855. In 1877 he married at Bloomington, Illinois, Harriet Olivia, daughter of Simeon and Lucretia (Shepherd) Sherfey, who is still living. His children are Henry Spencer, who is associated with him in the Phoenix Trust Company, and Elisabeth Olive.

At an early age Mr. Merrick joined the Orthodox Congregational church, with which he has been since affiliated, except during his residence at Pittsburgh, when he was a member of the Third Presbyterian church. At present he is senior deacon in the First Congregational church in this city. While in Pittsburgh he was one of the organizers of the Young Men's Christian Association, and was also a member and treasurer of the board of trustees of the Ottumwa Young Men's Christian Association when the present building was erected. He was one of the charter members of the Wapello Club, of which he is still a member, and is also a member of the Ottumwa Country Club.

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### WILLIAM BOYD WYCOFF.

William Boyd Wycoff is one of the venerable citizens of Ottumwa but still engages in business to some extent, handling real estate and loans. He has ever enjoyed the high respect and confidence of the community in which he has lived and for many years Wapello county has been his home. He was born May 6, 1835, in Coshocton county, Ohio, a son of James and Rachel (Cecil) Wycoff. His great-grandfather and his grandfather both bore the name of Peter Wycoff, and both were natives of Holland. James Wycoff was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in July, 1798, and his wife was a native of Maryland, born in October, 1799. James Wycoff was a prominent canal builder of his day, taking contracts for the construction of the White Woman canal and others through Ohio in pioneer times, when travel by water was largely the means of reaching from point to point.

With the removal of the family to Jefferson county, Iowa, William B. Wycoff became a pupil in the public schools of that



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county. On starting out in life for himself he began farming, which he followed for an extended period. He afterward became manager of the Great Western Nursery, and under his direction the business became one of profit. He secured a large trade and by reason of his capable control made that one of the important business interests of the community. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Wycoff offered his services to the government, attempting to enlist in 1861, but was rejected on account of physical disability. He had three brothers, Hazeal, Peter and James, who enlisted, served throughout the war and lived to return home although they participated in a number of hotly contested engagements.

Mr. Wycoff was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Martin, a daughter of James and Rachel Martin, who emigrated to Iowa in 1842 and in 1844 settled in Wapello county, where they continued to reside until called to their final rest. To Mr. and Mrs. Wycoff were born six children: Mary Ellen, who became the wife of George T. Bedwell and following his death married R. E. Coffman; James Calvin, who married Miss Laura Spry and for his second wife chose Mrs. Maggie Logan Harris; Laura Jane and Flora Jane, twins, who died in infancy; Cora May, the wife of A. L. Shewey; and Annie M., the wife of D. N. Conroy. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wycoff was celebrated in Center township, Wapello county, and they are today among the oldest residents of their part of the state. They resided at No. 412 West Fourth street until the latter part of 1904, when they left Iowa for Oklahoma. On that occasion the Ottumwa Courier of November 29, 1904, contained the following:

"The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wycoff of No. 412 West Fourth street will regret to learn that they have decided to go to Oklahoma with the expectation of making their home there in the future. The condition of Mrs. Wycoff's health renders it necessary that they should seek a milder climate and Mr. Wycoff has decided that Oklahoma offers an inviting field for business enterprise at this time. The departure of this long time and valued citizen of Ottumwa is a distinct loss to this community. Mr. Wycoff has lived in Wapello county since the '50s, having come here from Indiana with his parents in 1846, when he was yet a small boy. He has been engaged in the real-estate and loaning business in Ottumwa for twenty years and has a record for reliability, straightforwardness and honorable dealing of which any man might well be proud. Mr. Wycoff has the



high esteem of his friends and neighbors and the confidence of all with whom he has had business relations. A few months ago, when engaged in an important business transaction that took him to a distant part of the country among strangers, Mr. Wycoff carried with him the following certificate signed by prominent bankers, attorneys and others of this city. A higher indorsement could not well be given. The certificate reads as follows:

"To Whom it May Concern: The bearer of this certificate, W. B. Wycoff, is a citizen of Ottumwa, Iowa, and has been for many years, and the undersigned have known him for the time set opposite our names and have found him honest and truthful in all business transactions, and at all times to be willing and financially able to meet any obligations he may have incurred.

(Signed)

J. J. SMITH, *Ex-senator, twenty-two years.*

W. B. BONNIFIELD, *President First National Bank, thirty-five years.*

A. C. STECK, *Attorney, twenty-seven years.*

WILLIAM MCNETT, *Attorney, twenty years.*

R. P. DANA, *County treasurer, thirty years.*

J. B. MOWREY, *President Ottumwa National Bank twenty-seven years.*

M. B. HUTCHISON, *Cashier First National Bank, nineteen years.*

CALVIN MANNING, *President Iowa National Bank, twenty-five years.*

L. E. STEVENS, *Cashier Ottumwa National Bank, twenty-five years.*

W. D. TISDALE, *attorney, thirty-two years.*

I. N. MAST (retired), *thirty-five years.*

"The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wycoff will wish them abundant success and happiness in their new home, wherever they may locate, with the earnest hope that Mrs. Wycoff may be fully and speedily restored to health. Mr. Wycoff has rented

his residence property for a period of three years and it is to be hoped that at the end of that time he will be ready to return to the old home."

The wish of the editor and their many friends was realized, for Mr. and Mrs. Wycoff returned and are still residents of Ottumwa. With various public interests he has been closely identified. He was one of the directors and the vice president of the Wapello County Agricultural Association and for six years was its chief marshal. He joined the republican party on its organization, voting for Fremont in 1856, and he has since voted at each presidential election for the head of the ticket and on each occasion his vote has been cast in Ottumwa. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and his life has ever been in harmony with his professions. Wherever known he is held in high esteem and most of all where he is best known. He is today one of the venerable citizens of the county and has been an interested witness of its progress from an early age. He has lived to see great changes in this part of the state as the work of development and improvement has been carried forward. He can remember a day when the homes were largely log cabins or tiny frame dwellings and when much of the land was still unclaimed and uncultivated. He has lived to see wild tracts transformed into rich farms, in the midst of which thriving towns and villages have sprung up with various industrial and commercial enterprises that have made them important centers of trade. He relates many interesting incidents concerning the early days and is enabled to speak with authority upon matters of history, for he has been an eye witness of many events that are known to others only through written chronicle.

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### DANIEL FOWLER MOREY.

Daniel Fowler Morey has for the past twenty years been successfully identified with industrial interests of Ottumwa in the conduct of the Morey Clay Products Company, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the state. He is also known as the father of the cigar business of Ottumwa, having for a period of three decades been formerly engaged in business as a manufacturer of cigars. His birth occurred in Ulster county, New York, on the 16th of February, 1851, his parents being John and Cornelia Ann

(Freer) Morey, likewise natives of that county. The family is of French Huguenot, Dutch and English descent. The grandfather, William Morey, and also the great-grandfather of our subject on the paternal side were born in Ulster county, New York. The maternal grandparents of Daniel F. Morey were likewise natives of that county. He was one of a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Amelia V., the deceased wife of William Atkins of New York; Sarah Margaret, who gave her hand in marriage to Jonas Dunn and resides in the Empire state; Jophet, a resident of Connecticut; Rachel, who is the wife of William Van Wagner and resides in New York; Mary, the wife of William Palen of New York, and John D., also of that state.

Daniel F. Morey acquired his education in a "little old red schoolhouse at the foot of the Catskill mountains." He spent the first twenty years of his life on a farm and in 1871 came to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he has remained continuously since. Before leaving the Empire state he had gained some knowledge of the manufacture of cigars and upon taking up his abode in Iowa turned his attention to that field of activity, becoming widely known as "the father of the cigar business of Ottumwa." For about fifteen years he and his partner, Ira A. Myers, maintained a reputation as the most extensive cigar and tobacco manufacturers and jobbers in the state of Iowa. He was connected with that industry for thirty years and also embarked in the business of clay manufacturing, in which he has been engaged for the past twenty years, having devoted his undivided attention thereto during the last twelve years. The Morey Clay Products Company, manufacturing brick, tile, hollow blocks, jugs and stoneware, is one of the largest in the state. For the past decade Mr. Morey has likewise operated a coal mine adjoining his clay property. His connection with any undertaking insures a prosperous outcome of the same, for it is in his nature to carry forward to successful completion whatever he is associated with. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business, and in his dealings is known for his prompt and honorable methods, which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

In 1879 Mr. Morey was united in marriage to Miss Emma J. Graves, a native of Connecticut and a daughter of Doris and Sarah (Fuller) Graves, who came to Iowa when the daughter Emma was but three months old. The father, a woolen manu-

facturer, erected many mills over this state. Both Mr. and Mrs. Graves have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Morey are the parents of four children, as follows: Bertha G., an artist who has studied at the Academy of Fine Arts; Maude Amelia, the wife of John Parks of Ottumwa; Nellie Cornelia, who follows the profession of teaching in Marshalltown and who, like her sister Maude, pursued a university course in Chicago; and Daniel F., Jr., assistant secretary of the Morey Clay Products Company. The last named was educated in the graded and high schools of Ottumwa and is also a graduate of the Ottumwa Commercial College.

Mr. Morey gives his political allegiance to the democracy, exercising his right of franchise in support of its men and measures. He belongs to the Wapello Club and is also a popular member of the Country Club. He acts as one of the trustees of the waterworks and is widely recognized as a public-spirited, loyal and enterprising citizen. The period of his residence in Wapello county covers forty-three years, and in both business and social circles he enjoys an enviable reputation and merited esteem.

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### CHARLES ARGANBRIGHT.

Since June, 1912, Charles Arganbright has been an important factor in business circles of Ottumwa as secretary and treasurer of the Shea-Spilman Hardware Company. His birth occurred near Hedrick, Keokuk county, Iowa, on the 10th of October, 1880, his parents being Madison and Julania (Van Winkle) Arganbright, the former born in Vinton county, Ohio, on the 1st of March, 1847, and the latter a native of Wapello county, Iowa. Madison Arganbright, who followed general agricultural pursuits in the Buckeye state until 1876, when he came to Iowa, still lives on a farm in Keokuk county. The maternal grandparents of our subject came to this state when the Indians were still camping along the river and took up their abode in Davis county. To Madison and Julania (Van Winkle) Arganbright were born three children, namely: Charles, of this review; Edwin, who is a resident of Keokuk county; and May, at home.



Charles Arganbright acquired his early education in the common schools of his native county, subsequently attended a preparatory school at Oskaloosa for one year and afterward spent a similar period as a student in the Ottumwa Commercial College. After putting aside his text-books he remained in the service of the Harper-McIntire Hardware Company for several years and then became associated with the Spilman Hardware Company. In June, 1912, at the time of the organization of the Shea-Spilman Company, he purchased stock in the concern and was made its secretary and treasurer, having served in the dual capacity to the present time. His efforts have contributed in no uncertain degree to the continued growth and success of the company, and he has won favorable recognition as a young business man of ability, energy and enterprise.

On the 8th of May, 1905, Mr. Arganbright was united in marriage to Miss Stella Shuttlefield, a native of Wapello county and a daughter of J. B. and Sarah (Thompson) Shuttlefield. The father, who was an agriculturist by occupation, has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Arganbright have three children, Wayne, Marguerite and Helen.

Mr. Arganbright exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, believing firmly in its principles. He is a Methodist in religious faith and is identified fraternally with the Masons and the Royal Arcanum. All who know him have for him the highest regard, for he is always courteous, kind and amiable. His marked characteristics are those of a loyal citizen and of a progressive business man, and he ever manifests fidelity to friends and home.

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### J. A. LOWENBERG.

J. A. Lowenberg, engaged in the general practice of law and also well known in connection with the abstract business, which he conducts under the name of the Ottumwa Title & Loan Company, is a native of Wapello county and has made for himself a creditable place in its professional and business circles. He was born on the 15th of March, 1867, and is a son of Jacob Lowenberg, a native of Ohio, born March 4, 1838. The father was a farmer by occupation and in 1852 came to Iowa, at which time he took up his abode upon a farm that is still his home. He

became one of the early residents of this district, and his well spent life has brought him substantial return in a material way and has gained for him the warm regard and respect of those with whom he has been brought in contact. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ellen Fair, was born in Maryland, August 24, 1842, and came with her parents to Iowa in 1854. To Mr. and Mrs. Lowenberg were born five children: Delpha M., the wife of J. C. Miller of this county; J. A.; Cora E., the wife of F. L. Connelly, of Chicago; Floy L., who died at the age of nine years; and Roy R., also of Chicago.

At the usual age J. A. Lowenberg entered the public schools and was graduated from the high school of Ottumwa with the class of 1883, when but fifteen years of age, having manifested special aptitude in his studies. He then returned to his father's farm, where he remained for five or six years, but, thinking that he would find a professional career more congenial than agricultural pursuits and deciding upon the law, he entered the office of Judge E. L. Burton and later continued his reading under the direction of Judge Steck, with whom he remained for two years. He was then admitted to the bar after successfully passing the required examination and was licensed to practice before the supreme court. He has continued in the active work of his profession since 1891, engaging in general law practice, and with the exception of eight months spent in Hedrick has remained continuously in Ottumwa. His ability is pronounced, and his skill in analyzing and handling intricate and complex problems of law is manifest in the many verdicts which he has won favorable to the interests of his clients. He owns the stock of the Ottumwa Title & Loan Company, an abstract business, and is the owner and manager of the Wapello County Commercial Agency. Both branches of his business are proving profitable, but his time and attention are concentrated most largely upon his professional interests, and his fidelity to his clients has become proverbial.

Mr. Lowenberg has been twice married. On the 10th of October, 1896, he was united in marriage to Nettie Cunningham, a daughter of John H. Cunningham, a blacksmith by trade. She died January 12, 1900, leaving two children, Miriam E. and Morris C. On the 14th of August, 1905, Mr. Lowenberg was again married, his second union being with Miss Blanche E. Davis, a daughter of J. A. Davis, now deceased. Her father made farming his life work. Her mother, Mrs. Lizzie W. (Rus-

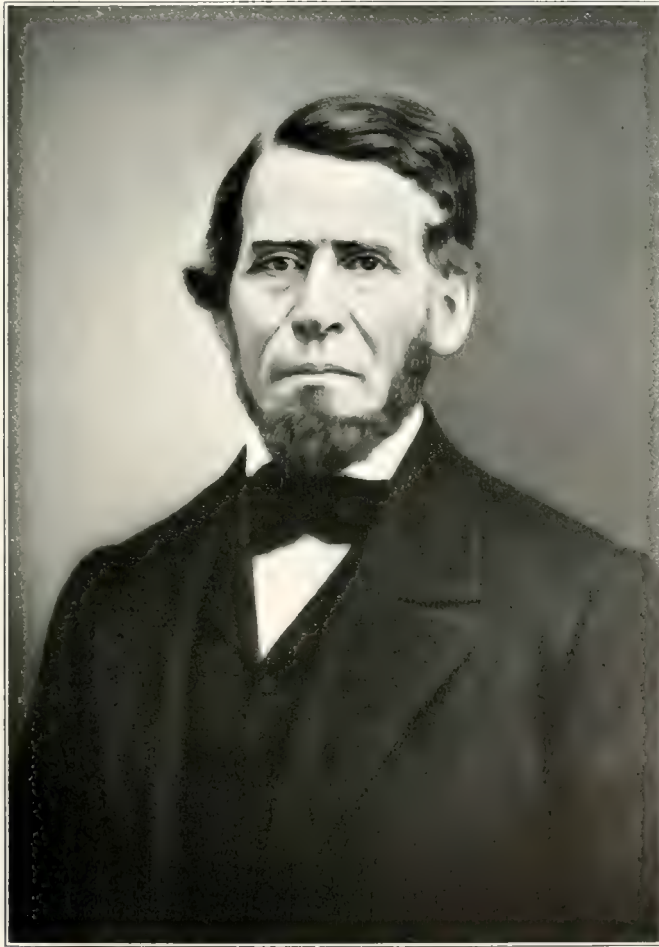
sell) Davis, is still living. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Lowenberg are three children, Norma B., Floyd D. and Thelma A. Mr. Lowenberg belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Maccabees and the Yeomen, and both he and his wife are connected with the Rebekah degree of Oddfellowship. Their religious faith is that of the Baptist church and in Ottumwa and throughout Wapello county, where they are widely and favorably known, they have many warm friends. Mr. Lowenberg deserves the success which has come to him and which has placed him among the substantial lawyers of his native county.

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### REV. B. A. SPAULDING.

With the material progress of the frontier sections of Iowa the moral development of the state went hand in hand, a fact due to the untiring and self-sacrificing labors of such men as the Rev. B. A. Spaulding. He was one of the little band of Christian ministers who made their way to this state in pioneer times, sharing in all the hardships and privations incident to settlement upon the frontier. While others planted the seeds which sprang forth in harvests of corn, wheat and other cereals, he and his colleagues were sowing the seeds that resulted in truth, righteousness and Christian fellowship.

The Rev. B. A. Spaulding was born in Billerica, Massachusetts, and was the eldest son and fifth child in a family of ten children, whose parents were Sampson and Susanna Spaulding. Liberal educational opportunities were offered him and by him were thoroughly improved. He supplemented his early mental training by a course in Harvard College, from which he was graduated in 1840. He afterward entered the theological seminary of Andover, Massachusetts, the oldest theological school in the United States, and was again graduated. Of the class to which he belonged eleven decided to devote their attention to the work of home missions in the west and became known as the Iowa Band. Mr. Spaulding spent several years as a pioneer missionary and that chapter of his life was one fraught with hardships, defeats and victories. Dr. Dunning said in this connection: "The Iowa Band among all missionary bands must ever hold an honorable distinction. It is not too much to say that this combined



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influence has given character not only to the denomination but to the state itself." The eleven young men who had received their instructions at Andover, Massachusetts, met again at Buffalo, New York, October 7, 1843, where a great public meeting was held, and the Buffalo Gazette said:

"We cannot refrain from saying that we have seldom seen so many men banded together in an enterprise who seemed to possess such sterling good sense and humble, quiet characters, coupled with firmness and decision, as these men."

At length the time arrived when, after being ordained in Denmark, Iowa, the band separated, Rev. Spaulding being assigned to the most distant field, or what was known as The New Purchase. He made his way to what was then the far western frontier and on the 10th of November, 1843, he wrote:

"The frail dwellings, beaten trails and newly made graves of the Indians still remained and they were often seen passing and repassing, carrying away corn which had been raised in their fields and sometimes lingering about their old hunting grounds as if unwilling to leave the land which had been so long their home.

"The eager strife of the whites to gain possession of the country just left by the Indians bears a most striking contrast to the slow and reluctant step of the recent owners in leaving their native groves and prairies. Says one, the wife of a chief, as she was hurried away: 'Oh, let me go back and take one more drink from the old spring.'

"And yet these sensitive, immortal beings are to be driven into a distant wilderness by a Christian nation and left to perish for lack of knowledge, while an old sword, if it had drunk the blood of Tecumseh or Black Hawk, would be preserved in our public halls as a glorious trophy for civilized men to behold."

Rev. Spaulding preached in about thirty different places, some of them one hundred miles apart. He traveled on an average fifty miles a week, or twenty-five hundred miles during the year, chiefly on horseback, and was in peril of waters, in peril in the wilderness and suffered from hunger and thirst and cold. But in all this he wrote: "I joy and rejoice."

A church of six members was organized in 1844 at the Agency. Its first communion season was held in the old council house. "Here," he wrote, "less than two years ago savages were lying and smoking their pipes; now a congregation of Christians are celebrating the dying love of their Lord and Master." For

eight years he performed the work of an evangelist, preaching in new and destitute settlements.

After organizing churches at Agency City, Eddyville, Oskaloosa and Ottumwa he was installed as pastor of the church in Ottumwa, Iowa. After trials and sacrifices which few are willing to make he had the joy of seeing the first meeting house for the worship of God erected in the city. At length his constant labor told upon his health and he removed to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where he performed a year's successful ministry in the Congregational church, where a beautiful memorial window bears his name.

At the age of fifty-two he was compelled to lay down the armor and pass to his eternal reward. His classmate, Dr. William Salter, of Burlington, Iowa, said of him:

"He made friends of all sorts and conditions of men. He attracted good men to his service without regard to creed or denomination. His ministry was one long, untiring struggle with difficulties. His salary during twenty years' service was four hundred dollars per year, of which the Home Missionary Society never paid less than one-half."

He himself said in reviewing his ministry:

"Although I have suffered more from sickness and privations than in all the rest of my life I have enjoyed more real happiness. The home mission work! What a glorious work to live for and if need be to die for!" And of the church of his love he says: "I have a firm hope that it will abide under the shadow of His wings, Who I trust has founded it, and remain there as a light as long as the wayward shall need counselling or the wanderer reclaiming."

One does not need to go to the battlefield for heroes. In our own day they were found in the cabins of the missionaries in the far west. The laborers may pass away, but the work will go on. We are like runners in the old Grecian torch race. One grasps the torch and runs and, as his strength fails, passes it on to the next and though the runners fall the torch goes on to the distant goal. They who bore it are not dead, their life and faith are in us. Let us not fold our hands and rejoice in what the pioneers have done for us. The commission is first to Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and then to the uttermost parts of the world. Millions of foreigners are coming to us and our motto must be: "Save America to save the world." The influence of

such a life can never fade while those remain upon whom he left the impress of his noble soul.

Rev. Spaulding was married to Miss Ann Nichols Norris, who was born in Holderness, New Hampshire, January 2, 1819. Before her marriage she taught school in Bloomington, Illinois, and Ottumwa, Iowa. To Rev. and Mrs. Spaulding were born six children, five of whom died in infancy. The surviving daughter, Julia Spaulding, still living in Ottumwa, was educated in Denmark Academy at Denmark, Iowa, and in the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. She has followed the profession of music as a teacher in Oberlin, in Wichita, Kansas, and in Ottumwa. Such in brief is the life history of the Rev. B. A. Spaulding, to whom Ottumwa owes much of her development along moral lines and the establishment of those high standards of manhood manifest in many of her citizens. His influence yet remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him.

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#### F. W. SCHAFER.

F. W. Schafer, who is a progressive merchant of Eddyville, has for a number of years been engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in this city. He also has farming interests and is numbered among the substantial residents. He was born in Eddyville, April 15, 1860, and is a son of William and Lena (Hergesheimer) Schafer, natives of Germany, who came in the early '50s to this country, locating in Kane county, Illinois. They came over with other relatives and married in that county, later removing to Wapello county, Iowa, the father locating in Eddyville. He was a cabinet-maker by trade and after taking up his residence here engaged in the furniture business and conducted the same with a fair amount of success. Both have passed away. To their union were born nine children: Mary, of Eddyville; F. W., of this review; Charles J., of Pasadena, California; Minnie B., who married G. F. Hartman, of Eddyville; Albert E., of San Diego, California, and four who have passed away.

F. W. Schafer remained under the parental roof until he reached his majority. In the acquirement of his education he attended the common and high schools and subsequently learned the harness maker's trade. In 1881 he went to Colorado, where he remained one year and then returned to Eddyville, buying



out his father and becoming a member of the Schafer & Steinhoff furniture and undertaking business which the latter had founded. Mr. Schafer has been in this business for thirty-one years, deriving a gratifying income therefrom. He is now associated with George F. Hartman, and this partnership has proven of mutual benefit.

On February 22, 1893, Mr. Schafer married Miss Helen Truax, who was born on Bluff Creek, Mahaska county, this state, and is a daughter of T. J. and Arabella (De Lashmutt) Truax, the former born in Indiana and the latter in Iowa. Mrs. Schafer is one of six children born to her parents, of whom four are living. She and her husband attend the Congregational church and are interested in its work.

Mr. Schafer is a republican and has always been interested in local politics, having served on the city council. Besides his business he is interested in several farms in the vicinity of Eddyville. He owns residence property in the city and is also interested in a tract of land in Wyoming. He also owns real estate in Los Angeles. Fraternally he is a member of Eddyville Lodge, No. 26, I. O. O. F., in which he has held all the offices; of Eddyville Camp, No. 1837, M. W. A.; and of Eddyville Homestead, No. 98, Brotherhood of American Yeomen. He is popular in these fraternal organizations and is esteemed and respected in social and business circles. All who know him speak of him in the highest terms of praise and esteem him as a man of character and one who is ever ready to give his share toward promoting worthy enterprises. Through his business activities he has contributed to the general prosperity and is an important factor in the progress of his city.

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### FRANK B. CRESSWELL.

Frank B. Cresswell is a well known figure in insurance circles in his part of the state, having since March, 1886, occupied the position of general agent for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company in southeastern Iowa. He makes his home in Ottumwa and is numbered among the native sons of the state, his birth having occurred in Bentonport, Van Buren county, on the 20th of October, 1858. His father, Robert Cresswell, was a native of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, born May 30, 1827. For

many years he followed merchandising in Bentonsport and ultimately removed to Ottumwa, taking up his abode here in 1884. He acted as money order clerk in the postoffice while Captain Evans was postmaster and became widely and favorably known in the county seat during the twenty-three years of his residence here. He married Elizabeth M. Peters, a native of Virginia, and both passed away in 1907, the former dying on the 17th of March, while Mrs. Cresswell departed this life in the month of December. They became the parents of eight children, all of whom were in Ottumwa to celebrate the golden wedding of their parents. These are: Anna M.; Mary E., the wife of Dr. W. E. Lawhead of Burlington; Frank B.; Carrie, the wife of Arthur Stone of Birmingham, Alabama; Lorena, the wife of George Burke of Salt Lake City; Agnes J., the wife of Joseph Briggs of Birmingham, Alabama; and Charles P. and Robert J., both of whom are residents of Ottumwa.

When a lad of six summers Frank B. Cresswell became a pupil in the public schools of his native town and there continued his education through successive grades. Eventually he became a salesman in a general store and on the 1st of May, 1877, he came to Ottumwa, where he has since made his home. He is now widely and favorably known in this city, where he has lived for thirty-seven years. He was first employed as a salesman in the store of Robinson Brothers and later was employed by A. D. Moss and afterward by Israel Brothers, spending six years in these various clerkships. On the 1st of May, 1883, he engaged in the fire insurance business and in March, 1886, was appointed general agent for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company for southeastern Iowa, since which time he has occupied that responsible position. He is also engaged in the fire insurance business with F. W. Grube, and there is no resident of this section of the state more thoroughly informed concerning everything that bears upon insurance than Mr. Cresswell.

On the 21st of June, 1883, occurred the marriage of Mr. Cresswell and Miss Emma F. Scott, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Mrs. Mary W. Scott, a widow, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cresswell have become parents of a son, Howell S., who is a graduate of Cornell University of Ithaca, New York, and who for the past seven years has been in Europe. Mr. Cresswell is a republican, stalwart in support of the party, yet not an office seeker. He has attained high rank in Masonry, belonging to Empire Lodge, No. 269, A. F. & A. M.;

Clinton Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M.; and Malta Commandery, No. 31, K. T. He has also crossed the sands of the desert with Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Davenport. In his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. He is an energetic business man, alert and wide-awake to his opportunities, and gradually he has worked his way upward by reason of his energy, determination and capability.

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### JOHN S. RENO.

In the conduct of farming and stock-raising interests, John S. Reno has acquired a most comfortable competence. He is now pleasantly located in Agency, where he has an attractive home. His birth occurred in Brown county, Indiana, June 15, 1850, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Barriss) Reno, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. Removing westward, they settled in Indiana when it was largely a frontier region, and in 1855 they arrived in Wapello county, Iowa, locating upon a farm in Pleasant township, where they remained until called to the home beyond. The father, who was born in 1813, died December 21, 1883, and the mother, who was born in 1825, passed away May 1, 1908. In their family were twelve children, of whom seven are now living.

John S. Reno left home at the age of eighteen years. He then went west and for seven years engaged in herding cattle and in kindred work. In 1877 he returned to Wapello county, where he married and began farming on his own account, purchasing a tract of land in Pleasant township, whereon he resided for several years. Later he bought more land from time to time and now owns over seventeen hundred acres in Wapello county, being one of its most extensive landowners. He has always engaged in raising stock of all kinds and his carefully managed business affairs and his judicious investments have in the course of time won him a handsome fortune.

Mr. Reno was married on the 1st of March, 1877, to Miss Kate McGuire, who was born in St. Clair county, Missouri, a daughter of R. C. and Sarah (Parrett) McGuire, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ohio. In an early day they removed westward to Missouri and just prior to the Civil war came to Iowa. Some time afterward they went to Oregon, and

both passed away there. Mrs. Reno is one of a family of six children, all of whom are yet living, and by her marriage she became the mother of five children: Cloya, who died in infancy; Roy and Clara, both deceased; Orpha, the wife of Frank Avery of Agency; and Myrtle, who has also passed away. There are also six grandchildren: Myrtle, Ray J., Ralph N., Roy P., Jessie S. and Howard R. Avery.

Mr. and Mrs. Reno are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in his political views he is a republican. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Agency and the Odd Fellows lodge, and in the latter has filled all of the offices. He has ever been faithful and loyal to the teachings of those organizations and to the faith which he professes, and his many sterling traits of character have gained him the high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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### HERMAN W. MERRILL.

Business enterprise and progressiveness in Ottumwa find a worthy exponent in Herman W. Merrill, who has been and is prominently identified with commercial and financial interests. A man of resolute purpose, he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and the years have placed him in a position among the successful business men of his city. He was born in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, January 15, 1858. His father, Joseph Henry Merrill, was a native of Plymouth, New Hampshire, born December 27, 1827.

Herman W. Merrill was the second child and is the only surviving member of a family of five children. He was educated in the common schools of Ottumwa and in the University of Iowa, which he attended for one year. Soon after leaving school he entered the Merrill wholesale grocery house, in which he continued from 1875 until 1901. He did not depend upon parental influence for advancement, but steadily worked his way upward, mastering every feature of the business and thus qualifying for more and more responsible positions. He is widely recognized as a man of resourceful ability, ready to meet any emergency and readily understanding the best methods of handling business situations. His energy never falters and his efforts, intelligently directed, have placed him among the prom-



inent and prosperous business men of the city. He is now interested in the Ottumwa Pickle Company as a partner of P. H. Crowley, and he is a director in the Iowa National Bank and in the Phoenix Trust Company, while in connection with Charles Greenleaf Merrill he owns the controlling interest in the City Savings Bank. He is likewise a director of the Iowa Savings Bank and is interested in banking institutions at Albia, Chillicothe, Agency and Chicago. His investments have been judiciously made and many institutions and business enterprises have felt the stimulus of his cooperation and sound judgment.

On the 4th of October, 1881, Mr. Merrill was united in marriage to Miss Emily C. Temple, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of Henry C. and Elizabeth (Stager) Temple. The former, now deceased, was a telegraph operator, while the latter is a sister of Anson Stager, one of the founders of the Western Union Telegraph system. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill have one daughter, Sarah Pope. Politically Mr. Merrill is a Republican and fraternally is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His social nature finds expression in his membership in the Country and the Wapello Clubs. His long residence in Ottumwa, his prominence in business, his public-spirited activity in community affairs and his lively interest in the social side of life have all combined to make him one of the popular and leading citizens of his section of the state. In all of his business activities he has seemed to readily see from the center to the very utmost circumference of possibilities and through all the passing years has wisely and advantageously used his opportunities, at the same time conforming his efforts to the highest standard of commercial ethics.

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### SAMUEL HOUSTON HARPER.

Samuel Houston Harper was born April 23, 1843, on a farm near Zanesville, Ohio, and died in Ottumwa, Iowa, December 17, 1911. In 1853 he came with his parents to Wapello county, where the family located on a farm one and one half miles south of Ottumwa. There were no railroads west of the Mississippi river in 1853, and Mr. Harper rode on horseback with his father from Keokuk while the rest of the family came up the Des Moines river on a steamboat.



SAMUEL H. HARPER



Samuel Harper attended the country schools and worked on the farm until 1862, when he enlisted as a corporal in Company B, Thirty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. In June, 1863, he was commissioned second lieutenant in the Forty-sixth United States Colored Infantry, later being promoted to first lieutenant and captain in the same regiment. Captain Harper was mustered out in February, 1866, after serving three years and seven months in the army. The last few months of his service were spent in Mexico, where United States troops were engaged in driving out the French invaders of that republic.

On his return from the army Captain Harper began work for the hardware firm of Henry & Haw and continued with them until 1869 when with Timothy Egan he engaged in the hardware business under the firm name of Egan & Harper. In 1873 this firm suffered loss of its stock by fire and in the same year reengaged in business and purchased the stock of their competitors, Daggett & Edgerly, Mr. Edgerly remaining with the new firm, known as Egan, Harper & Company. In 1875 Mr. Edgerly sold his interest to E. A. Chambers, and the firm became Harper, Chambers & Company, and in 1876 started in the wholesale business. In 1881 the business was enlarged and Frank McIntire and R. C. Wilson entered the firm. In the same year the company suffered another loss by fire. In 1892, Mr. Chambers retired from the business, and the firm became Harper & McIntire Company.

During his entire life Captain Harper was an enterprising and public-spirited citizen. He gave liberally of both his time and money to further all public enterprises. He was a loyal believer in Ottumwa's future as an industrial and manufacturing center and lost no opportunity to promote the interests of his city or state. He stood forth as a type of high-principled and progressive modern business man and commanded the respect of all his fellow citizens. At the time of his death he was, in addition to his place at the head of his hardware jobbing firm, vice president of the South Ottumwa Savings Bank, president of the Agency Savings Bank, vice president of the Phoenix Trust Company, a director of the Iowa National Bank, Iowa Savings Bank and Chillicothe Savings Bank, also a stockholder in numerous other local institutions.

Captain Harper was instrumental in organizing the Ottumwa Commercial Association and became its first president. He was also very active in the organization of the Wapello County Old



Settlers' Association and served as president of the association during the first years of its existence, taking great pride in the success of the organization.

At the time of his death Captain Harper was serving as a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Open Door Mission, the Ottumwa Cemetery Association and Parsons College of Fairfield, Iowa, and was an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Ottumwa. He had previously served on the Ottumwa board of education and the board of the Ottumwa Public Library, and was formerly president of the Mississippi & Missouri Valley Hardware Association.

After serving as commander of Cloutman Post, No. 69, G. A. R. Captain Harper was elected department commander of the Iowa Grand Army of the Republic for 1905-06, and in 1906-07 was named as commander of the Iowa commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and at the time of his death was president of the Thirty-sixth Iowa Veterans' Association.

Socially Captain Harper was numbered among the members of the Wapello Club and the Ottumwa Country Club, as well as being affiliated with the Knight Templar division of the Masonic order.

Captain Harper exercised a keen interest in the political affairs of the community and the state. He served Wapello county as state senator during three sessions of the legislature from 1902 to 1907. In 1897 and 1898 he was a delegate to the National Monetary Convention at Indianapolis and in 1900 was named as sixth district presidential elector. In 1911 the need of a reform business administration for the city of Ottumwa, having become extremely urgent, Captain Harper reluctantly consented to become the republican candidate for mayor to which office he was elected by a large majority. His sudden death nine months after his election interrupted the many plans he had inaugurated for the improvement of the city's finances and the general civic welfare, but the good influence of his reform policies persisted after his death and proved his short administration to be of lasting benefit to the community.

On November 9, 1879, Captain Harper was married to Cornelia Russell, daughter of John Wallace Russell. Clarence Samuel Harper is the oldest son of Samuel Houston Harper. He was born in Ottumwa, March 11, 1876, and was educated in the public schools of this city. He graduated from the Ottumwa

high school in 1893 and from Harvard College with the class of 1899. On returning from college Mr. Harper worked on the editorial staff of the Ottumwa Courier until 1901 when he entered the employ of Harper & McIntire Company, of which firm he is now vice president. He is secretary of the Arnold Jewelry and Music Company, a director of the Iowa National Bank, the South Ottumwa Savings Bank, the Chillicothe Savings Bank and the Phoenix Trust Company. He is also a director of the Ottumwa Commercial Association. In 1905 Mr. Harper was married to Elisabeth Deuel Chamberlin of Chicago. Their children are Samuel Houston Harper II, James Rayner Harper and Wallace Russell Harper.

Russell William Harper is the younger son of Samuel Houston Harper, and was born in Ottumwa, November 4, 1877. He was educated in the public schools of Ottumwa, entering the employ of Harper & McIntire Company at the age of sixteen years, remaining with them continuously, and when the partnership was incorporated in February, 1913, was elected treasurer and a director. He is also a director of the Iowa Savings Bank and the Agency Savings Bank and a stockholder in several local manufacturing institutions, and has been connected with the Iowa National Guard since 1899, serving at this time as principal musician of the Fifty-fourth Iowa Infantry Band. Mr. Harper was married in 1908 to Alice Edna Burroughs of Marshalltown, Iowa.

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### CLAUDE MILBURN MYERS.

Claude Milburn Myers has been long and actively identified with business interests of Ottumwa as the proprietor of a wholesale confectionery and ice cream establishment on Second street and is also a prominent factor in the public life of his community. His birth occurred in Agency, Wapello county, Iowa, on the 22d of April, 1865, his parents being Christopher and Martha Ellen (Brantner) Myers, the former born in Indiana on the 5th of July, 1835, and the latter in Pennsylvania on the 3d of July, 1839. Christopher Myers, who took up his abode among the early settlers of this county in 1843, was identified with mercantile interests during most of his active business career and was also a harness and shoe maker. He is now living re-

tired in Ottumwa and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the county where he has now resided for over seven decades. Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Myers have three children, namely: Florence E., who is an invalid; Josephine, the wife of Charles H. Sage of Omaha, Nebraska; and Claude M., of this review.

The last named acquired his early education in the common schools of Wapello county and pursued a high-school course at Agency. After putting aside his text-books he worked as a clerk in his father's confectionery store until 1882, when he came to Ottumwa, here spending seven years in the service of John J. Bowles, whose establishment he purchased on the expiration of that period. He continued the business along retail lines and also began the manufacture of ice cream on a wholesale scale. Since that time he has built up an extensive business in this connection and also manufactures candy, occupying the premises at Nos. 108, 110 and 112 East Second street. He likewise deals in tobacco and cigars and furnishes employment to fifteen people. Mr. Myers is a charter member and director in the Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers and served as treasurer for one year after its inception. Subsequently he became an organizer and director of the Ice Cream Manufacturers of Iowa, of which association he served as president for two terms and in which he is still a member of the board of directors.

On the 5th of June, 1912, Mr. Myers was united in marriage to Miss Kitt Jordon, who is a daughter of W. A. and Maria Jordon, both deceased, and who has spent most of her life in this county.

Mr. Myers is a democrat in politics and an active worker in the local ranks of the party. He served as alderman for Ottumwa during a period of five years and was a member of the library board when the library was erected, continuing as such for a few years. He likewise acted as chairman of the board of police and fire commissioners until Ottumwa adopted the commission form of government. Mr. Myers was a delegate to the national convention at Denver which nominated Bryan in 1908, acting as secretary of the state delegation.

He has always been active in conducting special trains to both political and fraternal conventions, and it was through his efforts that a special train went from Ottumwa to Los Angeles at the time of the Elks' convention, most of the funds being raised here. In August, 1913, he conducted a train to Denver

for the Knights Templar and secured a band of forty pieces. He is a prominent representative of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Royal Arcanum, the Yeomen, the Maccabees and the Moose. The Country and Boat Clubs likewise number him among their popular members. His life has in large measure been an exemplification of his belief in the brotherhood of mankind. He has never allowed questionable methods to form a part of his business career, while over the record of his official life there falls no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil. Kindliness and appreciation for the good traits of others have constituted salient features in his career, and his life illustrates the fact of the Emersonian philosophy that to have friends you must be one. He has always resided within the borders of Wapello county and enjoys a very extensive acquaintance here.

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### HENRY CLAY MILLER.

Although over fifty years have passed since Henry Clay Miller passed away he is yet remembered by the older generation as a successful young farmer who came to this neighborhood full of hope and who set himself to his work with a will that excited the admiration of all those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His widow now lives in Eddyville and enjoys the respect and esteem of all. Mr. Miller was born in Ohio in 1830 and was a son of Daniel and Jane Miller, natives of the Buckeye state, who came to Iowa in the early '40s, both dying in this state. To their union were born seven children, all of whom are now deceased.

Henry C. Miller removed with his parents to this state and was reared and educated in Iowa. He early took up farming and continued along that line of work until his death, which took place September 9, 1863. He was an energetic young man of great promise and all who knew him esteemed him for his determination, his industry, his thriftiness and his kindly consideration of his fellow men. Setting himself to work at an early age, he was on the high road to prosperity when the all-conqueror, Death, overtook him.



Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Harper, who was born in Indiana and is a daughter of John and Mary A. (Kelso) Harper, natives of Ohio, who removed to Indiana, where they lived for some time. In 1850 they settled in Mahaska county, Iowa, locating on a farm there. Subsequently the father entered a homestead in this county, but later the parents removed to Kansas, where both died. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had three children: Mary J. is the wife of Charles Ellison, of Page county, Iowa, and they have eleven children living. Daniel was born February 3, 1857, and died July 24, 1887. Frederick was born October 8, 1860, and died December 6, 1910, leaving a widow to mourn his loss. Mrs. Miller has now sold all of her farms, having made other profitable investments. She owns the handsome residence in which she lives in Eddyville and, although she is advanced in years, still actively looks after her business interests. She is a member of the Methodist church and takes a deep interest in charity work, being ever ready to give of her means in order to help the needy and to give support to church work of all kinds. She is venerated by all who know her, for she is a lovable old lady of motherly instincts who is kindness itself to all the world.

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### CHESTER YOUNG SMITH.

Chester Young Smith is well known in business circles of Ottumwa as secretary and manager of the M. B. Hutchinson Lumber Company and enjoys an unassailable reputation for enterprise and integrity. He is a native son of Wapello county, his birth having occurred in Kirkville on the 24th of January, 1868. His father, Rev. D. C. Smith, was born in Pennsylvania, November 17, 1837, and came to Iowa in 1851, when a youth of fourteen years. He dedicated his life to the service of his Master as a preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church and is now living retired in Ottumwa, being widely known and much beloved. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Georgianna Young and was born near Peoria, Illinois, has passed away. Their children were four in number, as follows: Harlan C., who is connected with the M. B. Hutchinson Lumber Company; Chester Y., of this review; and Vida Fay and Charles V., both of whom are residents of Albia, Iowa, engaged in the dry goods

business. Reverend Smith was married a second time, Miss Jennie Beck of Hedrick, Iowa, becoming his wife in April, 1895.

Chester Y. Smith acquired his education in this state, pursuing a high-school course and a normal-school course in Bloomfield, while later he entered Parsons College of Fairfield. In 1899 he came to Wapello county and entered the service of the Duffy Lumber Company of Ottumwa with the intention of learning the business. The enterprise has undergone changes in ownership during the past fifteen years, but he is still connected therewith, being now secretary and manager of the M. B. Hutchinson Lumber Company, which is the present style of the firm. They have five yards and do a very extensive and profitable trade.

On the 8th of January, 1890, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Etta R. Rock, a native of Jefferson county and a daughter of Henry C. and Margaret (Vance) Rock. The father, an old soldier who held county and city offices during most of his life after the war, is deceased. Our subject and his wife have two sons, namely: Leighton Rock, who wedded Miss Amy Potter, of Los Angeles, on the 28th of May, 1913, and Byrne Young, a high-school student. Mr. Smith gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is identified with the Masons, and is a member of the Wapello Club. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, the teachings of which he exemplifies in his daily life. His sterling integrity is a quality known and appreciated, while his genial manner has won for him a host of friends.

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### ROY W. JOHNSTON.

Roy W. Johnston, who is a representative of important manufacturing interests in Ottumwa, was one of the organizers and promoters of the Johnston & Sharp Manufacturing Company and the Johnston Pressed Gear Company. He was born in Ottumwa, July 18, 1876, and is a member of one of the old and prominent families here. He is a son of Allen and Elizabeth (Wiley) Johnston, of whom extended mention is made in another part of this work.

After attending the Ottumwa schools, Roy W. Johnston spent a year in the Chicago Polytechnic School and was subse-

quently employed by the Johnston Ruffler Company and the Ottumwa Iron Works, serving his apprenticeship with these enterprises. He then engaged in business for himself, his firm developing into the Johnston & Sharp Manufacturing Company. He subsequently also became one of the promoters of the Johnston Pressed Gear Company. In business affairs he has proven himself farsighted and sagacious and has shown an extraordinary amount of executive force in all his transactions. Moreover, he has a great capacity for detail and keeps in touch with all matters which affect his business. In building up two important industries he has largely added to the prosperity of Ottumwa and has become a factor in its growth. All the articles manufactured by his firms are made under their own patents, and the business has now reached gratifying proportions and is steadily growing.

On the 26th of October, 1906, Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Mabel Fair, who was born in Agency, Wapello county, a daughter of E. D. and Sarah (Giltner) Fair. Her father was formerly connected with the Fair, Williams Company, bridge builders, but is now living retired in Agency. Mrs. Johnston holds membership with the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Politically Mr. Johnston is a republican where national issues are involved, but casts an independent local ballot, taking into consideration only the qualifications of a candidate and not his party affiliations. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as one of the trustees, and of whose choir Mrs. Johnston is a member. He is popular in the Country and Wapello Clubs, in which he has many friends. His entire life has been passed in Ottumwa, where he has gained many warm friendships in recognition of his substantial qualities of character.

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### PETER WINTER, SR.

The writer of this biography called upon Peter Winter, Sr., the day after he had celebrated the ninetieth anniversary of his birth, finding him a most interesting and entertaining old gentleman, well known in Ottumwa and in this county. He was born in Lorraine, Germany, March 29, 1824, and is a son of John



MR. AND MRS. PETER WINTER, SR.





and Katharine (Hovener) Winter. The father's birth occurred in Lorraine, France, in 1785, and the mother was born in the same province in 1793, the former being thirty years of age when the province of Lorraine was ceded to Germany by France. He was a recruit of the French army and was on the way to join the Napoleonic troops when the battle of Waterloo was fought. On the 18th of May, 1841, the family landed at New Orleans, having crossed the Atlantic in the sailing ship *Marengo*, which was forty-five days in completing that voyage. In the party were father and mother and six children, who made their way up the Mississippi river and on to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they arrived on the 28th of May. There they continued until July 3, when they went to a farm in Rush county, Indiana. The father there died of fever in 1845, while the mother, who long survived him, passed away in Ottumwa, December 31, 1877, being then almost eighty-five years of age. He had made farming his life work and thus provided for the support of his family, which numbered six children: Nicholas, who died in Madison, Indiana, about 1890; Peter; John, who passed away in Cincinnati in 1851; Catherine, who became the wife of John Hirschauer and died in Shelby county, Indiana; Annie, who is the widow of John Bauer, of Ottumwa, and was eighty-two years of age in January, 1914; and Jacob, who died in Pueblo, Colorado, in 1897.

Peter Winter spent much of his youth in his native land and then accompanied his parents to the new world. Six years after his arrival, or on the 3d of May, 1847, he was married in Rush county, Indiana, to Catherine Hirschauer, who was born April 17, 1822, in Lorraine, Germany, and was a schoolmate of her husband in their childhood days. They came to America on the same ship and for thirty-five years they traveled life's journey together as husband and wife, but Mrs. Winter passed away on the 16th of October, 1882.

Following his marriage Mr. Winter went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he learned the trade of boiler making. He displayed energy and adaptability in his work and after two years he was made foreman of the factory. He spent seven and a half years in Cincinnati, remaining for more than five years in the employ of one man. In 1856 Mr. Winter came to Ottumwa, arriving on the 26th of April. The journey was made by boat to Keokuk, covering eleven days, and thence by prairie schooner to his destination. For forty-five years he resided on one farm

on Sugar Creek, two miles east of Ottumwa, and still owns that property, which now comprises two hundred and ten acres of rich and arable land. When he retired from farming, however, he was the owner of seven hundred acres, but has since disposed of much of this, not wishing to be burdened with the care of so large a property. When he went to Cincinnati he had a wife and baby and seven dollars in money, together with a small amount of household furniture. At that time cholera was prevalent in the city. Mr. Winter went to work for a dollar per day and for a year was employed at that wage. He was busy every day and some times worked at night. Industry has ever been one of his salient characteristics and has constituted the foundation of his splendid success. He carefully saved his earnings and when he left Ohio for Iowa he had saved twenty-two hundred dollars, or enough to enable him to purchase one hundred and sixteen acres of land. He was making thirty-five dollars per week when he gave up his position in the boiler factory, but he was there compelled to work Sundays and often at night and he felt that he preferred to get into some district in which he might see the sun and not spend all of his life in the grime and smoke of the shop. Accordingly, he came to Iowa, and here he has lived the life of the Iowa farmer, finding the soil rich and productive, responding readily to the care and labor he has bestowed upon it. As time passed on he added to his holdings until his landed possessions aggregated seven hundred acres and from his property he derived a gratifying annual income. At the present time his investments give him a good living, supplying him with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

To Mr. and Mrs. Winter were born the following children: Peter, who is now living at Pine Bluff, Arkansas; two daughters who died in infancy ere the family left Cincinnati; John, who died in this county at the age of seven years; Nicholas, a resident farmer of Center township; Mary, at home; Catherine, the wife of David Kelly, of Center township; Rosa, who is with her father; and Elizabeth, who died in 1884, at the age of twenty years; Mr. and Mrs. Winter also reared an adopted son, Frank, who is now in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Winter donated labor and money for the building of all three Catholic churches here. He has been a life long member of the Catholic church and his family are also members. He was in Cincinnati at the time that the Know-Nothing movement was

at its height and says that made a democrat of him. He has held some road and school offices, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. Honesty has been one of his outstanding characteristics and although at one time in his life he was obliged to practice very strict economy he has never failed to scrupulously meet all of his financial obligations and he has only given two notes, which were fully paid. He is a remarkably well preserved man both physically and mentally for one of his years. His eyesight and hearing are but slightly impaired, and he has splendid command of all of his faculties. He has never regretted his determination to come to Iowa and leave the city, for here he found good business opportunities and gradually worked his way upward until he had won most gratifying success.

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### FRANK P. HOFMANN.

Frank P. Hofmann has for the past twelve years been identified with business interests in Ottumwa as proprietor of a drug store in the Hofmann building and has been accorded a gratifying patronage. His birth occurred in Ottumwa, this county, on the 22d of November, 1876. His father, Bernhard Hofmann, a native of Germany, came to Iowa about 1870 and has been connected with business interests here as a manufacturer of oatmeal and as a brewer and also as a real-estate operator. He erected the Hofmann building, one of the foremost office structures in Ottumwa, and is still giving his attention to the supervision of his varied business interests. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Maria Schlagater, is a native of New York city and was but one year old when brought by her parents to Wapello county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Hofmann have six surviving children, as follows: Carrie, who is the wife of J. F. Dings of Ottumwa; Frank P., of this review; Dora, the wife of Monroe A. Thompson, of Tacoma, Washington; Wilhelmina, at home; Ralph C., a resident of Los Angeles; and George B., living in Salt Lake City.

Frank P. Hofmann acquired his early education in the common schools of this county and also attended a boarding school in St. Louis, while subsequently he spent two years as a student in the State University of Iowa, of Iowa City. In 1902 he was graduated from the Northwestern University of Chicago with



the degree of Ph. G. The same year he opened a drug store in the Hofmann building in Ottumwa and has conducted the same continuously since, carrying an extensive and attractively arranged stock of drugs and druggists' sundries and being accorded a liberal patronage.

On the 4th of October, 1905, Mr. Hofmann was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Matson, a native of Chicago, Illinois, and a daughter of C. R. and Isabelle (Anderson) Matson. Her father served as sheriff of Cook county during all the anarchist trouble, including the Haymarket riot, and gained renown as "the man that tamed the anarchist." Some of the most famous cases of Cook county came up during his incumbency as sheriff, one of these being the Cronin case. Both Mr. and Mrs. Matson are now deceased. The former was a thirty-third degree Mason—an honored and prominent representative of the fraternity. Mrs. Matson was a well known club woman, belonging to the Chicago Woman's Club and many other organizations. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Isabelle Hofmann founded the first Lutheran church in Chicago. The wife of our subject pursued a high-school course in Chicago and was also graduated from Mount Holyoke College with the degree of A. B. She is a member of the Tourist and Fortnightly Clubs and for one year acted as president of the Woman's Club. By her marriage she has become the mother of one son, Philip Bernhard, who was born on the 25th of May, 1909.

Mr. Hofmann is a popular member of the Wapello and Country Clubs and is also connected with the Beta Theta Pi and Theta Nu Epsilon fraternities. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church. In his native city he is widely recognized as an esteemed and public-spirited citizen and one whose cooperation can be counted upon to further any measure or movement calculated to promote the general welfare.

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#### M. W. POLING.

M. W. Poling is not only well known in the electric business in Ottumwa, as president of the Poling Electric Company, but has interests of a similar character in other cities of Iowa and also is part owner of the Iowa Auto Sales Company of Ottumwa. His experience along his line is very extensive, for

he has for many years been connected with electric light and power plants in various parts of the country. His success has come to him on account of his wide knowledge, his experience and business ability. He was born in Ottumwa, Wapello county, Iowa, December 24, 1868. His father is N. S. Poling, who was born in what is now West Virginia, near Grafton, April 28, 1838. He came to Iowa in 1865 to profit by the agricultural conditions presented by the rich prairie lands and was successful in this occupation. He now lives retired at 515 Hamilton street, Ottumwa. Mr. Poling, Sr., was a Confederate soldier and had the distinction of serving under Stonewall Jackson in the Army of the Potomac. Mr. Poling married Catherine Smith, who was born in Maryland, June 10, 1838. They had four children besides our subject, as follows: James F., who is connected with the Poling Electric Company, and of whom further mention is made in another part of this work; Mary Alva, at home; Lulu, deceased; and Harry Leroy, member of the firm of Cramblit & Poling.

M. W. Poling was reared on his father's farm and in the acquirement of his education attended the common schools. He remained on the homestead until 1892, when he joined the General Electric Company of Schenectady, New York. He remained with this firm for about one year and then removed to Albia, Iowa, where he joined A. R. Jackson in installing the electric plant. He next was with the Ottumwa Railway & Light Company for about thirteen years, at the end of which time he and his brother, James F., established themselves independently under the firm name of the Poling Electric Company. By his former extensive experience he was well fitted for engaging in business on his own account, and that he possessed the necessary business ability he subsequently proved. The Poling Electric Company is engaged in the installation of lights and motors and are doing both inside and outside work. Mr. Poling is, moreover, part owner and president of an electric store at Burlington known as the Home Electric Company. The Poling brothers also own a store at Albia. On January 9, 1911, M. W. Poling bought a part of the business of the Iowa Auto Sales Company, and he is now manager of this concern, which is owned by his brother, himself and one other partner, Andrew Lames. Ottumwa is to be congratulated upon having among its business men, men of the capability and initiative of Mr. Poling, who from small beginnings has built up important

business interests. In an indirect way he has thereby largely benefited his city and other sections of the state and has been a force in the general development.

On February 20, 1906, M. W. Poling married Miss Katherine Cecil, who was born in Muscatine county and is a daughter of A. J. and Elizabeth (Fullmer) Cecil, the former a farmer and both yet living in Muscatine.

Mr. Poling is a democrat. Although his many business interests have not permitted him to actively enter the political field yet he is public-spirited and ever interested in matters of public advancement. Fraternally he is prominent, being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum, and the Independent Order of Foresters. He is highly esteemed and well liked by all who know him in business, social and fraternal circles and by his active and honorable life gives a worthy example of what American citizenship should consist of.

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### CHARLES T. SULLIVAN.

Charles T. Sullivan, a prominent and successful business man of Ottumwa, is an undertaker who has been identified with that work here for the past twenty-six years. His birth occurred in Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, on the 22d of March, 1854, his parents being Henry Howard and Sarah (Engle) Sullivan, the former born in Baltimore, Maryland, on the 6th of June, 1807, and the latter in Columbus, Ohio, on the 20th of February, 1829. In the year 1858 the family journeyed by wagon to Ellisville, Fulton county, Illinois, where Henry H. Sullivan was engaged in business as a wholesale and retail boot and shoemaker. For many years he served as overseer of the poor at that place. He passed away in Ellisville on the 6th of February, 1891, but his widow still survives and makes her home there. They became the parents of eleven children, as follows: Ellen and William, both of whom are deceased; Charles T., of this review; Milton; Alice, who has also passed away; Andrew; Joseph; Katie, deceased; Flora; Belle, and Irvin.

Charles T. Sullivan, who was but four years old when his parents established their home in Ellisville, Illinois, there

remained until twenty-three years of age. He attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and was a youth of sixteen when he first helped in the burial preparations of a corpse. He also assisted a chum whose father dealt in coffins and became interested in the work in that way. His first instructions in embalming were received from Professor Per-rigo, in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1886, while subsequently he received training under Professor Sullivan, a noted embalmer of the United States, and under Professor Clark. In later years he worked under the preceptorship of Professor William Hohen-schuh, one of the most noted embalmers in the world. A license was then granted him—No. 234—and for the past seven years he has practiced under license No. 1087. He came to Ottumwa, Iowa, in February, 1888, and identified himself with the firm of Workman & Truitt, while later he was associated with Workman & Bayliss. Subsequently he became a member of the firm of Harned & Sullivan, which was afterward changed to McIntyre & Sullivan, and eventually he became an associate of E. L. Scott under the firm style of Scott & Sullivan. Since January, 1904, he has been engaged in business alone under the style of Charles T. Sullivan and in the intervening decade has buried more than twenty-five hundred people. He carries his own casketware, has a morgue and funeral chapel, an ambulance, etc. In January, 1909, he moved into his present building, which he erected. The structure comprises three floors and basement and includes ten modern flats. Mr. Sullivan is assisted by Walter Roscoe, a licensed embalmer, who has been with him for nine years, and also Carroll M. Reese, who is pursuing a course in the work. Mrs. Sullivan has charge of the books, and it is to her that our subject generously attributes much of his success.

On the 29th of April, 1891, Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage to Mrs. Rena Monnett, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Houk, who were born and reared in Keosauqua, Van Buren county, Iowa. Her father was killed at the battle of Fort Donelson, in the Civil war, and her mother died suddenly at the home of her son-in-law, Charles T. Sullivan, on the 10th of March, 1913, when eighty-four years of age.

In his political views Mr. Sullivan is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He is a supporter of the First Methodist church, joining that denomination in Fulton county, Illinois, in 1875. In 1884 he joined the local lodge



of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Shenandoah, Iowa, and in the same week became connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, now holding membership in Ottumwa. He likewise belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Woodmen of the World, the Rebekahs, the Knights and Ladies of Security and the Yeomen. At all times he has been true to the obligations and responsibilities that have devolved upon him in every relation of life, so that he well merits the esteem and good-will which are uniformly accorded him.

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### ALLEN JOHNSTON.

Allen Johnston was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1848, and was a little lad of seven summers when the family removed to Iowa, settling on a farm a mile northeast of Blakesburg. Allen Johnston had the usual experiences of the farm lad until nineteen years of age, when, in 1867, he left the farm and took up the study of dentistry in Ottumwa under his brother, W. T. Johnston, who was also agent for the Singer sewing machine. The younger brother took a greater interest in the sale and mechanism of sewing machines than in dentistry, and, therefore, directed his energies in that direction. From an early age he had displayed inventive genius. In this connection a contemporary biographer has written:

"In 1862, while carpenters were working on the erection of a new frame house on the farm, he sat watching them as they used the crank auger and chisel in making the mortices, and he conceived the idea of putting a chisel on the auger, so that the work of the auger and chisel would be done by the same crank at the same time, and thus the auger would throw out all the chips made by the chisel, forming a square hole. He explained his theory to the workmen and they thought there was a possibility of making a tool of that kind, but their remarks were of such a character as to discourage his saying anything further about it. Later such a patent was taken out by other parties and became a very valuable discovery. He was not like most boys on the farm, and although he was eager for sports and spent much time in that way, he passed most of his leisure hours at home working in a little shop which he had fixed up in the attic. He spent his spare cash (which was small in amount) for tools and chemicals, with



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which to make experiments. When young he made wagons and sleds. In his neighborhood hazel nuts were plentiful and young Johnston made a machine to hull them. He made silver and gold rings for the neighboring children, also repaired revolvers, guns and other implements. It was while selling sewing machines that Mr. Johnston first began to make extensive use of his inventive power along commercial lines. The first patent he worked on was taken out by his brother, W. T. Johnston, in 1869, and was an embroidery attachment for sewing machines. His second invention was a ruffler attachment, which was made by him in his brother's dental office; they were first sold by canvassing from house to house. As trade increased there was a demand for more room and they moved into the third story of a Main street building, where he made tools with which to manufacture the celebrated Johnston rufflers. The first machinery was propelled by hand, through the aid of a large grindstone. The old grindstone was soon replaced by an engine and more spacious quarters were taken on Court street, where a large store room was secured. Business grew rapidly and soon thirty hands were employed. The company was known as W. T. Johnston & Company, consisting of W. T. Johnston, Allen Johnston, W. T. Major, J. T. Hackworth and J. G. Hutchison. In the spring of 1871 they bought a lot in the middle of the block they now occupy and thereon built a factory, thirty by sixty feet in dimensions and two stories high, thinking that structure would accommodate all the business the firm would ever have; but this was a mistake, as business increased rapidly and they had to add to their capacity until the entire block was covered by one solid building. In 1872 the concern was organized as a corporation under the title of the Johnston Ruffler Company, the incorporators being J. T. Hackworth, Allen Johnston, W. T. Major and J. G. Hutchison. The last named gentleman sold his business after a few years and A. G. Harrow was admitted into the corporation. The largest amount of business done by them was during the period from 1882 to 1892. The Johnston Ruffler Company had in its employ over five hundred employes.

"Allen Johnston took out patents on various sewing machine attachments and they were all manufactured by the Johnston Ruffler Company until recent years. Most of the sewing machine patents have been sold to an eastern corporation, and the Ottumwa Iron Works, which now occupy the plant formerly operated by the Johnston Ruffler Company and which are con-



trolled and managed by the same gentlemen who promoted the latter company, now manufacture other machinery patented by Mr. Johnston. Mr. Johnston's patents for the automatic screw machines were among the first secured for that kind of machinery. These machines were manufactured and sold for a time by the Johnston Ruffler Company and the Ottumwa Iron Works, but, the patents having been finally sold to other parties, they ceased to manufacture the machines. Among the many other patents taken out by Mr. Johnston the latest and most important are machines for the manufacture of cutlery.

"Some time ago Mr. Johnston was induced to take stock in a cutlery factory and this is what led him to make improvements on machinery of that kind. His first patents were for grinding and polishing machines; these brought out another condition in the department of forging, which led him to make improvements in order to get a uniform product for the grinding machines. The result of this was the inauguration of the manufacture of grinding machines and this led to the designing and patenting of machines for the different operations—forging, grinding, whetting and glazing, also machines for grinding and finishing handles. About twenty-five patents have been taken out by Mr. Johnston, bearing on cutlery machinery. So important have these been that they have revolutionized the manufacture of cutlery, even in the old world. These machines are made by the Ottumwa Iron Works and are being used in Norwich, Connecticut, and Sheffield, England, the two greatest cutlery manufacturing centers in the world. The Ottumwa Iron Works are now building machines for one of the most extensive plants in Sheffield, England. In this connection an incident may be related. Some years ago Mr. Johnston was on his way to England to make arrangements with cutlery works there for the introduction of his machines. On the steamer he made the acquaintance of an Englishman, who made some inquiries as to the object of his visit to England. Mr. Johnston replied: 'I am going there to show them how to make cutlery.' The Englishman replied: 'Why do you mean to say that they don't know how to make cutlery in Sheffield?' 'No,' said Mr. Johnston, 'I don't mean that, but I am going over to show them a better and cheaper way to make cutlery, and I am sure they will take hold of my proposition.' The result proved to be as the latter said; the English factories were glad to take hold of the American inventor's patents and are well pleased with their investments."

Mr. Johnston has taken about one hundred and twenty-five patents on various lines of invention, among them those mentioned above and his more recent achievements, hollow balls used in ball bearings and a pressed gear used in washing machines and lawn mowers, which is made from strips of sheet metal by compressing the metal into the shape of gear teeth.

In 1872 Allen Johnston wedded Elizabeth Wiley, a daughter of Dr. Wiley, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and they became parents of three children: Stella M., the wife of F. W. Sharp, of Ottumwa, who is a partner in the Johnston & Sharp Company; Roy W., who is also a partner; and Alice M., at home. The family attend the First Presbyterian church, and Mr. Johnston contributes liberally to its support and to its charities. Politically he is a republican, with no desire for office, nor does he have any great desire to accumulate large wealth, but prefers the pleasure which he gets from his inventions and from the success which comes in developing his embryonic ideas into tangible assets in the mechanical world.

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### FRANCIS WILLIAM SIMMONS.

Francis William Simmons is president of the American Mining Tool Company, manufacturers of miners' tools and supplies. Well earned success is his, success that has come through energy wisely directed. He was active in promoting one of the important productive industries of the city, one that features largely in manufacturing circles and thus adds to the material prosperity of Ottumwa and her people. Mr. Simmons was born in Ohio, January 11, 1854, a son of Rev. John T. Simmons, whose birth occurred in Wilmington, Delaware, January 11, 1829. The paternal grandparents were John and Margaret (Talley) Simmons. John Simmons, grandfather of Francis W. Simmons, spent his entire life in his native state of Delaware, and during the Revolutionary war our subject's great-grandfather served in Harry Lee's Light Horse Brigade. The widow of John Simmons later removed to Vinton county, Ohio, where she continued to make her home until called to her final rest.

Their only child was the Rev. John T. Simmons, who was reared in Ohio and largely acquired his education in Morgan county. He was deeply interested in the vital questions that

engaged public attention prior to the Civil war, became a staunch supporter of the abolition cause and made many speeches in its behalf. In 1855 he removed to Jefferson county, Iowa, and purchased an improved farm, upon which he established his home. The following year he became identified with the Methodist conference, and in a life devoted to the ministry he accomplished much good work for the cause of Christianity, his influence being a potent force in moral development in the different communities in which he lived. Until 1858 he filled a pastorate at Glasgow and then went to Iowa county, where he had charge of a large circuit, consisting of sixteen appointments, making his home at that time in Richmond. In 1862, heartily in sympathy with the Union cause, he joined the Twenty-eighth Regiment of Iowa Infantry as chaplain and was mustered into service at Iowa City. In October of the same year the regiment proceeded to Davenport and on a transport went to Helena, Arkansas, where, on the 20th of November, 1862, the Twenty-eighth Iowa was assigned to the First Brigade, Second Division, military district of East Arkansas. On the 11th of December the Rev. Simmons was transferred to the Second Brigade, First Division, and on December 17th to the Second Brigade, Second Division. On the 11th of April, 1863, he was assigned to the Twelfth Division, Thirteenth Army Corps and with that command participated in the Vicksburg campaign and the battles of Fort Gibson and Champion Hills. He was later in the siege of Vicksburg and after its surrender went to Jackson. He was later again at Vicksburg and then at Natchez and at Carrollton. At the last named place he was transferred to the Third Division and on the 26th of February the troops were ordered to report at New Orleans. They passed through the Red River campaign and at length reached New Orleans, where they embarked under sealed orders. They went to Fortress Monroe and thence to Alexandria, Virginia, and Washington, D. C., this being the first Iowa regiment in the capital. Proceeding to the Shenandoah valley, they were assigned to the Fourth Brigade, Third Division, Nineteenth Army Corps, marched through Charleston, West Virginia, on the 8th of September and participated in the battles of Perryville and Winchester.

In March, 1865, Rev. Simmons resigned and returned to his home in Iowa county, Iowa. In 1873 he entered upon a three years' pastorate in Ottumwa and from 1882 until 1886 he was presiding elder of the Keokuk district. He then settled upon a

well improved farm of eighty acres in Center township, Wapello county. He was pastor of the Mount Pleasant Methodist church in 1878-79 and agent for the Iowa Wesleyan University in 1880-81. He was also presiding elder of the Newton district for four or five years, and in 1866 he devoted a year to the establishment and building of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home of Iowa.

Rev. Simmons was married in 1852 in Ohio to Martha Arganbright, who died in Center township in 1892, when sixty years of age, her birth having occurred in Ohio, February 29, 1832. Mr. Simmons survived for fourteen years and passed away in 1906. They were a most highly esteemed and worthy couple and had an extensive circle of warm and devoted friends in Wapello county. In their family were six children: Lydia, now the deceased wife of E. G. Chapman of Duluth, Minnesota; Francis William; George B., living in Ottumwa; John W., a resident of Florida; Kitty, the widow of G. G. Springer and the mother of two children; and Edmundson, of Nebraska.

Francis William Simmons attended the common schools of this state. According to the itinerant custom of the Methodist ministry, the family removed from place to place, so that his studies were pursued in different cities. He was a student in the high school at Mount Pleasant and also the Iowa Wesleyan University there and afterward entered the State University at Iowa City. He next taught school for seven months and then entered the hardware business in Ottumwa. He first worked for two years for the firm of George Haw & Company and at the end of that time purchased the interest of Mr. Henry in the business, entering the firm in 1878. He was continuously connected with the business for thirty-one years, during which time it was a prosperous and growing concern. He has a contagious enthusiasm which is felt by all who are associated with him, and his enterprise and energy were factors in the growth of the house. After thirty-one years' connection therewith he retired, and in 1906 he, together with his brother George, organized and secured the charter for the American Mining Tool Company, of which he is president, with George B. Simmons as vice president. This is a growing concern, engaged in the manufacture of miners' tools, miners' clothing and other supplies. Among their well known products are the Little Giant drill, the Scott Patent pick and Uncle Sam overalls. Their plant is large, well lighted and splendidly equipped with the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work, and the enterprise is one of the important



productive industries of the city, furnishing employment to from sixty to seventy-five people. In addition to his activity in that direction Mr. Simmons is known in financial circles and through his further investment in other industrial concerns. He is now one of the directors of the First National Bank and of the Union Trust & Savings Bank.

On the 16th of January, 1890, Mr. Simmons was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth B. Bonnifield, a daughter of W. B. Bonnifield and a native of Ottumwa. Their children are four in number: Kenneth G., living in Chicago; John B., a student in Yale College, who entered the freshman class at the age of seventeen years; Francis William, attending high school; and Martha, also in school.

The family attend the First Methodist church, and Mr. Simmons holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic fraternity. He is also a member of the Country Club and the Wapello Club. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party. He has frequently represented the party in state and national conventions. He was a delegate to the national convention in 1892, which nominated Benjamin Harrison; was delegate at large to the convention in 1908, which nominated William Howard Taft; and was alternate at large to the Chicago convention in 1904. He recognizes the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship and is anxious and willing to cooperate in all movements for the general good of city, county, state and nation. He keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought, is well informed on the leading questions and issues of the day, political and otherwise, and in business affairs is abreast of the tendency of the times.

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### CHRISTOPHER HAW.

Christopher Haw is prominently known in business circles of Ottumwa as the head of the Haw Hardware Company, a wholesale concern with which he has been continuously identified for the past forty-three years. His birth occurred in Grant county, Wisconsin, on the 29th of March, 1848, his parents being John and Mary (Lazenby) Haw, both of whom were natives of England, the former born in Yorkshire on the 9th of November, 1806, and the latter on the 18th of February, 1808. They were mar-

ried in that country in 1833 and crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1844, settling on a farm in Platteville, Wisconsin, to which place they had driven by wagon from Milwaukee. John Haw died on the Wisconsin farm in 1858, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1855. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: William, a Methodist preacher, who died leaving a family in Wisconsin; George, also deceased, who came to Iowa in 1865 or 1866 and was engaged in business here; Jane, the deceased wife of George McMurray, an agriculturist residing in Evansville, Wisconsin; Simon, who has passed away; John, a Methodist minister who makes his home in Wisconsin; Thomas, who died in a hospital at Nashville while a soldier of the Union army during the Civil war; Christopher, of this review; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Charles Deselhorst; and Mary, the wife of Judge Charles Smith, who acts as judge of the superior court in Superior, Wisconsin. The first five named were all born in England and accompanied their parents to the new world, the ocean voyage consuming six weeks. George, Simon, John and Thomas Haw participated in the Civil war.

Christopher Haw acquired his education in the common schools and was graduated from the Adams high school of Ottumwa, having come to this city in 1867. Subsequently he made his way to Kansas City, Missouri, and for one year was employed as clerk in the hardware store of G. W. Henry. He then returned here to Ottumwa and in 1871, having saved the sum of five hundred dollars, became a member of the firm of Henry & Haw, which was later changed to George Haw & Company. Frank Simmons was subsequently admitted to the firm, which was eventually incorporated under the name of the Haw & Simmons Company and on January 1, 1914, became the Haw Hardware Company. The concern does a wholesale business exclusively and in its management Mr. Haw has displayed splendid executive ability, keen discernment and sound judgment, so that the trade has constantly increased and his own success has been augmented.

On the 12th of October, 1875, Mr. Haw was united in marriage to Miss Clara E. Bowen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bowen. Her father is deceased, but her mother still survives at the age of eighty-two years and makes her home in Kansas. Mrs. Clara E. Haw passed away on the 12th of February, 1911, leaving the following children: Edwin A.,

who is associated with his father in business; Mabel Joy, Francis B., who is likewise associated in business with his father; and Arthur B., a student in Harvard University. On the 4th of December, 1912, Mr. Haw was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Elizabeth (Lee) Kercheval, the widow of Orren P. Kercheval. She is eligible to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution through her father, Joshua R. Lee, a descendant of the Revolutionary Lees.

Mr. Haw gives his political allegiance to the republican party, exercising his right of franchise in support of its men and measures. He is a valued member of the Methodist church, has served as its trustee and Sunday school superintendent and is now treasurer of the permanent fund. In 1896 he was elected by the Iowa conference as a delegate to the general conference held at Cleveland and four years later was sent to Chicago. In 1890 he was chosen Iowa delegate to attend the international meeting of Good Templars in Edinburgh. For the past twelve years he has been a member of the board of trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant. Wherever known he is held in high regard and most of all where he is best known. He is a broad and liberal minded man of high purposes and principles and his innate ability of character has gained for him the honor and respect of all with whom he has come in contact, while his efforts have been a potent force in the material and moral progress of the community.

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### W. H. H. ASBURY.

W. H. H. Asbury, who for a quarter of a century has been engaged in the real estate business in Ottumwa, was born in Parke county, Indiana, April 4, 1841. This was the day upon which General William Henry Harrison died and Mr. Asbury was named in his honor. His parents were Benjamin and Polly (Porter) Asbury, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Kentucky. They were married in the Bluegrass state and started overland to the Wabash valley, establishing their home in Vermilion county, Indiana, whence they afterward removed to Parke county. In 1850 they came to Iowa, settling in Monroe county, where they spent the greater part of their lives, although







W. H. H. Asbury



*Mrs. Mary E. Asbury.*



the father died in Ringgold county. He was a blacksmith by trade, having served an apprenticeship of nine years. In later life he engaged both in blacksmithing and in farming. During the Civil war he served with the Thirty-seventh Iowa Regiment, known as the Gray Beards—a regiment which was largely engaged in guard duty. His father, Joseph Asbury, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and was with Washington's army during the memorable winter at Valley Forge. For five years altogether he was on active duty under Washington. His birth occurred at Fairfax county, Virginia, and his entire life was passed in that state. The mother of our subject was a granddaughter of Robert Porter, who served as a sergeant in the Revolutionary war under General Broadhead. In the family of Benjamin and Polly Asbury were five children: Emily, who is the widow of Leonard Clary, of Keokuk county, Iowa, and is now eighty-one years of age; Thomas Payne, of Ringgold county; W. H. H.; Mary Ann, the widow of Harrison Neidigh, of Ringgold county, and Benjamin F., of Albia, Iowa.

W. H. H. Asbury spent his youthful days in his parents' home, remaining with them until he enlisted in response to the country's first call for three months' troops. He did not go to the front, however, until August, 1861, at which time he was a member of Company E, Third Iowa Cavalry. He enlisted at Bloomfield and was honorably discharged in October, 1862.

Mr. Asbury then returned home and farmed for awhile. He then went to Blakesburg, where he entered the drug business with his older brother, continuing in that line for three years. He next came to Ottumwa and on the 1st of January, 1870, was made deputy sheriff, which position he capably filled. Later he was made deputy treasurer, and at the close of the term was elected county treasurer for four years. Subsequently he again accepted the position of deputy treasurer, remaining for ten years in the court house. In 1880 he entered the insurance and real estate business and in 1889 he was appointed internal revenue collector for this district. When his term in that office expired he resumed active connection with the real estate business, in which he has since been engaged. In 1910 he was again called to public office, when he was made supervisor of the census for the sixth congressional district, in which position he had 160 men and women under him. He has always given his political support to the republican party and has been most loyal to its principles.



On the 5th of May, 1867, Mr. Asbury was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Jay, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, July 26, 1841, and in 1854 was brought to Wapello county by her parents, Jabe P. and Rachel (Commons) Jay, who were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. They were of the Quaker faith, and their lives were of the highest integrity. They continued residents of this county until called to the home beyond. In their family were ten children, six of whom reached adult age. Mrs. Asbury attended a Quaker school until she came to Iowa, where she has made her home continuously for sixty years. Mr. and Mrs. Asbury have lost three children, who died in infancy, while Bertha, who was born May 8, 1881, passed away April 8, 1903, when almost twenty-two years of age.

Mr. Asbury belongs to the Unitarian church, while his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. He holds membership in Cloutman Post, G. A. R., also in the Masonic lodge, and with the Sons of the American Revolution. Progress and patriotism might be termed his salient characteristics. It may be that he inherited the spirit with his name; at any rate, he has many of the substantial qualities which made the hero of Tippecanoe famous.

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### EDWARD L. LAMBERT.

Edward L. Lambert is manager of the Cedar Rapids Gas Company at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He is, however, well known in Ottumwa and Wapello county, for during two years he was general manager of the Ottumwa Gas Company, to which position he was appointed in May, 1912. His birth occurred in Jacksonville, Illinois, on the 6th of October, 1881, his parents being Edward C. and Belle (Short) Lambert, likewise natives of Jacksonville, the former born in 1849 and the latter in 1859. Edward C. Lambert still resides in that city and is now living retired. Unto him and his wife were born three children, as follows: Anne, who gave her hand in marriage to Edward Clifford, of Evanston; Helen, the wife of John C. T. Tillson, of Fort Riley, Kansas; and Edward L., of this review.

The last named acquired his early education in the public schools of his native city, subsequently attended the Illinois College of Jacksonville and in 1902 was graduated from Culver

Military Academy. Since putting aside his text-books he has been identified with gas companies, being in the service of the United Light & Railway Company, with headquarters at Grand Rapids. In May, 1912, he went to Ottumwa, Iowa, and ably managed the interests of the Ottumwa Gas Company until transferred to his present position. After taking control in Ottumwa he erected entire new works and expended about two hundred thousand dollars in improvements, including a new office at the corner of Main and Court streets. The company prospered under his administration and he gained enviable recognition as a young man of splendid executive ability and sound judgment. He carries to his new position the experience gained in former business connections and will doubtless display the same ability and spirit of enterprise which has already marked his course in business.

On the 2d of May, 1907, Mr. Lambert was united in marriage to Miss Marion Courtney, a native of Silver Creek, New York, and a daughter of W. H. and Elisabeth Countney, both of whom are deceased. Her father was formerly the vice president of the Des Moines, Iowa Falls & Northern Railway Company. Mr. Lambert is a popular member of the Wapello and Country Clubs and is identified fraternally with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Masons, while his religious faith is that of the Episcopal church. In matters of citizenship his influence and support are given on the side of advancement and progress, and he holds to high standards in man's personal relations with his fellowmen. No one who knows Edward L. Lambert doubts that he will win a large circle of warm friends in his new home as well as the high regard of business associates.

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### FRED Z. KIDD.

Fred Z. Kidd has been actively engaged in business as a druggist of Ottumwa since April, 1905, and has won well merited prosperity in this connection. His birth occurred in Wisconsin on the 2d of June, 1873, his parents being R. A. and Melissa (Kaufman) Kidd, the former born in Ohio, in 1841, and the latter a native of West Point, Lee county, Iowa. R. A. Kidd, who served in the Civil war as a member of Company

D, Forty-second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, followed farming in the Badger state until the time of his demise. His widow now makes her home with our subject. Their three surviving children are as follows: G. A., who is a resident of Oelwein, Iowa; L. D., living in New York city; and Fred Z., of this review.

The last named acquired his early education in the common schools of his native state and later pursued a high-school course at Oelwein, Fayette county, Iowa. He was subsequently employed in a general store for two years and on the expiration of that period entered the Highland Park College of Pharmacy in Des Moines, being graduated from that institution on the 25th of June, 1895. During the two following years he was associated in the drug business with A. C. Wilson at Oelwein and later embarked in that business at Allerton, Wayne county, Iowa, there remaining for six years. Subsequently he spent two years in the drug business at Eddyville, this county, and then sold out and came to Ottumwa in April, 1905, purchasing the establishment of Mrs. Orr at No. 632 West Second street. At the end of four years in that location he removed his stock to the corner of West Second and McLane streets, where he has since conducted business, carrying a general line of drugs and druggists' sundries, as well as paints and oils, and also maintaining a sub postal station in his store. He belongs to the National Association of Retail Druggists and the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association and enjoys a foremost place among the prosperous retail merchants of Ottumwa.

On the 27th of December, 1899, Mr. Kidd was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Clawson, a native of Illinois and a daughter of William and Minnie Clawson, who are residents of Allerton, Iowa. The father offered his services in St. Louis at the time of the Civil war but was rejected on account of physical disability. He went to the front nevertheless and served for two years. In 1880, by special act of congress, he was mustered in, honorably discharged and paid for his services. He is an agriculturist by occupation and now receives a pension. Our subject and his wife have two children, Frederick Allen and Pauline Lenore.

In politics Mr. Kidd is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 16, A. F. & A. M.; Clinton Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M.; Malta







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Commandery, No. 31, K. T.; and the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Country Club. His entire career has been characterized by high ideals and noble principles and in every relation of life his record has ever measured up to a high standard of honorable manhood.

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### GEORGE F. HARTMAN.

George F. Hartman is one of the successful business men of Eddyville, being a member of the firm of Schafer & Hartman, furniture dealers and undertakers. He was born in this city, April 28, 1871, his parents being August and Sophronia (Miller) Hartman, the father a native of Sweden and the mother of Indiana. The former emigrated to America in the early '60s and subsequently located in Wapello county, where he is still living, his wife having passed away. In their family were eight children: Edgar, of Colorado; W. A., a resident of Eddyville; George F., of this review; R. T., who makes his home in Cedar Rapids; Clara, of Lakonta; C. E., of Des Moines; Oscar, of Valley Junction; and Grace, the wife of F. D. Lanning, of Lakonta, Iowa.

George F. Hartman remained at home until eighteen years of age, attending the common and high schools and enjoying fair educational advantages. He then took a trip to California, going to Clipper Gap, where he remained for one year as foreman in a box factory. He then returned to Iowa, where he worked with his father in building bridges for railroad companies. Subsequently he was for four and one-half years fireman on a locomotive and for the next five and one-half years held the position of engineer on the Rock Island Railroad. At the end of that time he had acquired the means which permitted him to purchase an interest in the furniture and undertaking business of Mr. Schafer, the firm becoming Schafer & Hartman. Mr. Hartman is trustworthy and follows the highest business principles, believing in standing by his customers and treating them with the utmost fairness. He is courteous and obliging and it is therefore no wonder that the business has increased from year to year. The firm also maintains an undertaking department which is mod-

ernly equipped so that they can take care of the most elaborate funerals.

In 1893 Mr. Hartman married Miss Minnie B. Schafer, and they have three children: George, Jr., who was born November 28, 1894, a graduate of the high school and now attending college at Ames; Blanche M., born September 27, 1899; and Mildred, born September 8, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman are members of the Congregational church, the services of which they regularly attend. Both are members of Lodge No. 99 of the Eastern Star, and Mr. Hartman is also a member of Lodge No. 74, A. F. & A. M., in which he has filled all of the chairs. He also belongs to Homestead Lodge, No. 98, of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, and is popular in these fraternal organizations. For eight years he has served on the city council of Eddyville, giving his support to all progressive measures which he deems of great benefit to the city, and for two terms held the position of township clerk. He is an enterprising business man, a useful citizen and a steadfast friend.

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### CHARLES R. TOWER.

In the year 1909 Charles R. Tower became one of the organizers of the Tower-Majors Candy Company and since that time the business has increased four-fold, becoming one of the important productive industries of Ottumwa. Their establishment is known as "The House of Chocolates" and is popular with the public because of the excellence of their product and the reliable business methods of the members of the firm, of which Mr. Tower is secretary and treasurer.

He is one of Ottumwa's native sons, born October 3, 1868, and is a representative of an old New England family. His grandfather, Oramel Tower, was born in Randolph, Massachusetts, March 8, 1799, and in 1839 came to Iowa, while this state was still a part of the territory of Wisconsin. He settled at Farmington, Van Buren county, and became closely identified with the pioneer development of that section of the state. Thirteen years later, or in 1852, he removed to Ottumwa and watched the development of the tiny hamlet into a thriving and prosperous city, in which he made his home until his death in 1884. His son, Daniel Webster Tower, was born at Farm-

ington, Iowa, January 26, 1841, and after serving through the Civil war came to Ottumwa in 1865. He enlisted at Keokuk, Iowa, on May 27, 1861, as a member of Company F, Second Iowa Infantry, for ninety days. At the end of that time, when he received his discharge papers, he immediately reenlisted, joining Company B, Seventeenth Iowa Infantry, with which he served until the close of hostilities, receiving his final discharge on the 5th of May, 1865, at which time he was serving as second lieutenant, to which rank he had been promoted on the 7th of February, 1863. It was Lieutenant "Web" Tower who when exchanged from Cahawba Prison in Alabama and sent north on account of sickness, carried home in his wooden leg the original copy of the song "When Sherman Marched Down to the Sea." This was published in the north and thousands of copies were sent south to the boys at the front, where it was sung at the camp fires from the Mississippi river to the Atlantic ocean. The original copy, which was carried north by Lieutenant Tower, is now in the Historical building at Des Moines. In Ottumwa he entered the grocery business in connection with his father, Oramel Tower, where the Ennis building now stands. After some years' connection with commercial interests in Ottumwa, D. W. Tower was elected county recorder and by reelection was continued in that office for three terms. He afterward became bookkeeper in the office of the First National Bank and remained in that connection until his death in 1885. In early manhood he married Laura Agnes Rowley, who was born at Crown Point, Indiana, in 1846, and she, too, has passed away. They had a family of three children, of whom one died in infancy, the others being: Charles R., of this review; and Mabel, the wife of James M. Majors, of Ottumwa.

Charles R. Tower entered the public schools of Ottumwa and passed through consecutive grades to the high school. On putting aside his text-books he went to Kansas City, where he engaged in clerking in a shoe store for five years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Ottumwa and traveled for J. H. Merrill & Company for twenty years, his long connection with that house indicating his loyalty and thorough reliability. He had the entire confidence of those whom he served and they were loath to part with him when he resigned in order to engage in business on his own account. It was in 1909 that he became associated with George B. Simmons and James M.



Majors in organizing the Tower-Majors Candy Company, of which Mr. Simmons is the president, Mr. Majors vice president and Mr. Tower secretary and treasurer. In the intervening years they have increased the business four-fold, doubling it the first year. They employ on an average from sixty to sixty-five people in the manufacturing and jobbing of candy and have six traveling salesmen upon the road. They make a specialty of the manufacture of high-grade chocolates, and their output finds a ready sale upon the market because of its excellence and by reason of the straightforward business methods of the firm.

Mr. Tower was married in Chariton, Iowa, on the 10th of June, 1896, to Miss Berta Belle Briggs, a native of Dubuque and a daughter of Maurice W. Briggs, born in Erie, Pennsylvania, a grain dealer of Dubuque and later owner of the M. W. Briggs Wholesale Paper House of that city, but now deceased. His wife was Harriett E. Crandall, who was born in West Hartford, Vermont. They came to Iowa in 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Tower have one child, a daughter, Doris Briggs, born September 19, 1902. Mr. Tower belongs to that class who have justly earned the proud American title of self-made man. He has worked his way steadily upward in business connections, his power and ability increasing through the exercise of effort, and today he stands among those who are resourceful, energetic and progressive and to whom the city owes its present progress and prosperity.

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### GEORGE L. NYE.

George L. Nye, who for sixteen and a half years has been postmaster at Agency and for twenty years has been on the soldiers' relief committee, stands for all that is progressive in citizenship and his public-spirited devotion to the general welfare has had many tangible evidences. He was born in Cass township, Wapello county, on the 28th of September, 1845. There is scarcely a native-born resident of the county older than he yet living. His father, W. A. Nye, was born in Germany in 1825 and when a lad of eight years was brought by his parents to the new world, the family home being established in Waverly, Ohio. He married Rebecca Wicker and in the year 1845 be-



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came a resident of Iowa, taking up his abode upon a farm in Cass township, Wapello county. Some years later he removed to Ottumwa, where he spent two years, filling the office of county treasurer during that period and for two years thereafter. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, and he was frequently called upon to fill township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. To him and his wife were born five children: George L., John W., William A., Samuel A. and Mary.

The birthplace of George L. Nye was a log cabin, and he was reared amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life. In his youthful days he aided in the arduous task of developing a new farm, and he continued his residence in Cass township until after the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1863 he responded to the country's call for aid, joining Company B, Seventh Regiment of Iowa Infantry as a private. He remained with that command until the close of the war and was on active duty in the Indian country in Kansas and Nebraska. That was at a time when the buffaloes roamed over the western prairies, and he saw thousands of those animals.

When the country no longer needed his military aid, Mr. Nye returned to his home and continued a resident of Cass township until 1869, when he removed to Agency township, with the agricultural interests of which he has since been identified. He owns valuable land which is highly cultivated and well improved, and he has given demonstration of his ability as an enterprising, progressive agriculturist. On the 15th of November, 1897, he received appointment to the position of postmaster at Agency city and reappointment has continued him in the office to the present time.

Mr. Nye was married in 1868 to Miss Sarah J. Dudley, who was born in a log cabin in Agency township in 1847. They have become parents of six children: Charles M., Minnie L., A. M., Fannie, William D. and Russell G. The name of Nye has long figured in connection with the development and upbuilding of this section of the state and has ever been a synonym for loyalty in citizenship and progress in business. Mr. Nye has voted with the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and in addition to the office which he is now filling, he has been both trustee and clerk of his township. He was also a member of the school board for a number of years and has ever been interested in the cause of education. He belongs to Wins-



low Post, No. 107, G. A. R., and for twenty years has been on the soldiers' relief committee, in which connection he has done important work in behalf of his old army comrades who wore the blue uniform during the darkest hour in the history of the republic. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. For almost three score years and ten Mr. Nye has been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred in his part of the county and has first-hand knowledge of events which are to others matters of history. He can speak authoritatively upon many questions relating to the annals of Wapello county, for he has seen it merge from pioneer conditions and take on all the evidences of a modern and progressive civilization.

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### WALTER ALLEN LINTON.

Walter Allen Linton is a recognized factor in business circles of Ottumwa as the owner of the Roseland Fuel Company, a wholesale and retail coal concern. His birth occurred in Ainsworth, Washington county, Iowa, on the 25th of October, 1879, his parents being William C. and Anna (Fisher) Linton, the former born in Kingston, Canada, on the 24th of January, 1850, and the latter in Ottawa, Illinois, on the 30th of January, 1852. William C. Linton came to Iowa in 1877 and four years later took up his abode in Wapello county, having resided here continuously during the third of a century which has since elapsed. When a youth of fourteen years he worked as telegraph operator at a salary of one hundred dollars per month. He acted as chief train dispatcher in the service of the Rock Island Railway for a number of years and is now successfully engaged in the insurance business. Mr. and Mrs. William C. Linton have four surviving children, as follows: Orville E., who is a mail carrier of Ottumwa; William, a resident of Davenport; Walter Allen, of this review; and Lester M., living in Chicago.

Walter A. Linton acquired his education in Ottumwa, completing the high-school course with the class of 1901. The following year he became identified with the coal business as an employe of the Roseland Fuel Company, going to the mines and familiarizing himself with the work in every department. At that time the company owned a mine in Wapello county and another at Centerville, Appanoose county. Mr. Linton worked

with the concern until 1908, when he purchased a half interest and in 1909 bought the remaining stock, having since been the sole owner of the Roseland Fuel Company. He conducts both a wholesale and retail business and employs on an average twenty-five men, utilizing the output of two mines. The offices of the company are at No. 129 East Second street in Ottumwa. Mr. Linton has sought success along legitimate lines nor fails to accomplish what he undertakes, for his carefully formulated plans have their root in good judgment and progressiveness.

On the 5th of June, 1907, Mr. Linton was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth N. Loomis, a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, and a daughter of E. C. and Ella (Lawrence) Loomis. The father is now living retired, but the mother has passed away. Our subject and his wife have one daughter, Mildred.

In politics Mr. Linton is independent, always considering the fitness and capability of a candidate as of more importance than his party affiliation. He is a valued member of the First Congregational church, in which he served as treasurer for several years, and has always taken an active interest in church work and also in the activities of the Young Men's Christian Association. He likewise belongs to the Country Club and is popular in both business and social circles of the city in which practically his entire life has been spent.

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### JAMES M. MAJORS.

James M. Majors, vice president of the Tower-Majors Candy Company, manufacturers and jobbers of confectionery at Ottumwa, has always lived in Wapello county save for a brief period and is well known here. His birth occurred at Kirkville, on the 18th of February, 1875, his parents being Andrew Jackson and Martha (Speer) Majors, the latter a native of Pennsylvania, while the former was born in Wapello county and is a representative of one of the early pioneer families. To Mr. and Mrs. Majors were born five children: James M.; Sadie, the wife of J. E. Hinsey of Ottumwa; Margaret, the wife of Arthur B. Heisel, whose home is in Sand Springs, Montana; Will W., a resident of Ottumwa; and Cloetta, who is at home.

James M. Majors was educated in the common schools of Wapello county and in the high school of Ottumwa, coming to this city in 1888. He completed his course of study in 1892 and then entered the employ of the Morrell Packing Company, securing a position in the office. He applied himself closely to the mastery of the duties assigned him, and his ability won recognition that led in time to his transfer to the branch house at Des Moines, of which he was given charge, acting in the capacity of manager at that point for six years. He was next transferred to Memphis, Tennessee, where he remained for five years, and on the expiration of that period he left the Morrell Company and began the wholesale manufacture of candy, entering into partnership with George B. Simmons and Charles R. Tower under the firm style of the Tower-Majors Candy Company. Their business has grown rapidly and substantially and they have a large and well equipped plant, in which they furnish employment to about sixty-five people. Their success is assured, for their business methods awaken public confidence and the quality of their output is most satisfactory to their patrons.

On the 14th of November, 1900, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Majors and Miss Mabel Tower, and to them has been born a son, Webster M., whose natal day was March 6, 1902. The parents are widely known in Ottumwa and their popularity makes their home the center of a cultured society circle.

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#### C. H. SHEARER.

C. H. Shearer, conducting a confectionery store and ice cream manufactory in Agency, is classed among the successful business men of that enterprising town. He was born in Indiana, September 21, 1858, and is a son of George and Elizabeth Shearer, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They journeyed by wagon to Iowa and settled in Wapello county in 1865, the father here remaining until his death. In the family were five children, of whom two are living: Eliza, the wife of T. J. Raper of Burlington, Iowa; and C. H., of this review.

The latter remained at home until he had attained his majority and then began learning the barber's trade in Agency.

He was employed in the work for fifteen years, some of the time conducting business on his own account. Since then he has been proprietor of a confectionery store in Agency which he still conducts, and in connection with the sale of sweets, he is also engaged in the manufacture of ice cream. His enterprising business methods, his close application and his unfaltering energy have been salient features in his growing success.

On the 13th of January, 1887, Mr. Shearer was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Dunbar, a native of Iowa and a daughter of John and Lucy Dunbar, the former now deceased, while the latter is still living. Both were natives of Kentucky and at an early period in the development of Iowa they came to this state. The father served throughout the period of the Civil war, participating in a number of hotly contested battles. To Mr. and Mrs. Shearer has been born a daughter, Katie E., who is now the wife of Fred C. Rutz, a resident farmer of Wapello county, and they have two children, Francis and Elvie. The parents are members of the Methodist church and are in hearty sympathy with its work. Mr. Shearer gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. For three years he served as a member of the city council and during that period exercised his official prerogatives in support of many progressive public movements. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and has filled all of the chairs in that organization. He is well known in this county, where he has lived continuously for almost a half century, and those who know him entertain for him the warm regard that is always the instinctive tribute paid to sterling qualities of manhood.

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### JAMES F. POLING.

James F. Poling is one of the foremost business men of Ottumwa, but more than that he is of the best type of American citizenship and a man whose actions are directed by the highest principles. He is prominent in the electric light business and connected with a number of concerns of that kind in this and other cities of the state. Mr. Poling was born in Wapello on a farm where the Dain Manufacturing Company now stands.



The date of his birth was November 7, 1871. His parents were N. S. and Catherine (Smith) Poling, the former born near Grafton, West Virginia, and the latter in Maryland. The father's birth occurred April 28, 1838, and he came to Iowa after the war in 1865. He was a soldier on the Confederate side, serving under Stonewall Jackson in the Army of the Potomac. After coming to Iowa Mr. Poling, Sr., engaged in agricultural pursuits and was successful along that line until he retired to Ottumwa, where he yet lives, making his home at 515 Hamilton street. The mother, who was born June 10, 1838, has passed away. She bore her husband five children: M. W., who is closely connected with his brother James F. in all of his business interests; James F., of this review; Mary Alva, at home; Lulu, deceased; and Harry Leroy, of the firm of Cramblit & Poling.

James F. Poling grew up under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools. He remained on his father's farm until he was about twenty-eight years of age, when he joined the staff of the Ottumwa Railway & Light Company, remaining with them for about four years. He then joined the Oskaloosa Traction & Light Company, with whom he stayed for a similar period, taking over at the end of that time, in partnership with his brother M. W., the electric supply department of the Ottumwa Railway & Light Company. They have been engaged in business in the city for about eight years and in that length of time Mr. Poling has fully demonstrated his value and ability as a commercial leader. Mr. Poling has also stock in the Home Electric Company at Burlington, and he and his brother own the Poling Electric Company and a store at Albia. They employ on an average of about twenty people, and, considering that they are entirely engaged in the electrical business, this fact alone speaks for the volume and extent of their interests. They are doing inside and outside work and are well equipped for the installation of lights, motors and other electrical appliances. There is much credit due Mr. Poling for the success of the various enterprises with which he is connected, as his capability, aggressiveness and knowledge of the business have been an important factor in their growth.

On June 14, 1901, James F. Poling married Nellie B. Walker, who was born in York, Nebraska, and is a daughter of Z. and Hattie (Ditch) Walker, the latter deceased. Mr. Walker was engaged in the rubberoid roofing business after

coming to Ottumwa. Mr. and Mrs. Poling have three children, Guy Morris, Helen Mary and Rosa May.

Mr. Poling is a democrat and, although interested in the welfare of his party, has never sought political honors. However, he is ever ready to give his support to worthy public enterprises and has done much for the growth and development of the trade interests of his city. His religion is that of the Congregational church, and fraternally he is known as an Odd Fellow and a Moose. He has many friends in Ottumwa both in business and social circles and is esteemed by all who know him and most highly respected by those who know him best.

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### CARY JOHNSON.

Cary Johnson is well known in business circles of Ottumwa as a dealer in automobiles, handling the White, Studebaker and Spaulding cars. He is widely recognized as a young man of enterprise and energy who has won success in his undertakings. His birth occurred in Illinois on the 23d of March, 1880, his parents being W. C. and Ann (Jones) Johnson, the former born in Ohio on the 8th of May, 1833, and the latter in Indiana in 1845. W. C. Johnson, who followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, now makes his home with his children. During the period of the Civil war he served for three years with the Ninety-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. His wife was called to her final rest in 1900. They had four children, as follows: Charles, who is a resident of Champaign, Illinois; Edwin, living in Moscow, Idaho; Cary, of this review; and Forest, of Fayette county, Iowa.

Cary Johnson attended the common schools of his native state in the acquirement of an education and was reared to manhood on the home farm. He came to Iowa in 1902 and has since spent most of the time in Wapello county. He was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until September, 1913, and still owns a farm in this county on which he resided for two years and which is now operated with the aid of hired help. In September, 1913, he took up his abode in Ottumwa and bought out the automobile business of Mr. Fisk, having since maintained the salesroom in the Utt building. He handles the

White, Studebaker and Spaulding cars and is accorded a gratifying patronage that makes the undertaking profitable.

On the 1st of September, 1900, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Ociea Smith, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of J. E. and Catherine (Snively) Smith, who are residents of Eldora, Iowa. The father is an agriculturist by occupation. Our subject and his wife have four children, namely: Edna Marie, Bertha May, Ona Irene and Virgil Glenn. Mr. Johnson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a Methodist in religious faith. His fellow citizens know him as a man of honor and genuine personal worth, meriting their respect, good-will and confidence.

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#### VERY REV. F. W. HOPPMANN.

Very Rev. F. W. Hoppmann, rector of St. Mary's church of Ottumwa, was born in Burlington, Iowa, November 8, 1859, a son of Ignatz and Frances (Northmann) Hoppmann, who were natives of Ecklingerode province, Saxony, Germany, where they were reared and married. Following their voyage across the Atlantic to the new world they made their way to Galva, Illinois, in 1855 and two years later removed to Burlington, Iowa, where they spent their remaining days. The father was a teamster and rock contractor, conducting business in connection with an uncle for many years. They were the owners of rock quarries and had a liberal patronage. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ignatz Hoppmann were born five children, the Rev. F. W. Hoppmann being the third, having two sisters older and two sisters younger than himself. These are all married, two of the sisters living in Chicago, one in Iowa City and one in California.

Rev. Hoppmann was reared in Burlington and attended parochial schools there until thirteen years of age, when he went to Calvary, Wisconsin, and entered the St. Lawrence College, in which he continued as a student for five years. He then completed a year's course with the Jesuit fathers at Buffalo, New York, being a student in Canisius College. He afterward entered St. Joseph College at Dubuque for his philosophic course and after a year there spent three years in St. Francis College at Milwaukee.



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He was ordained to the priesthood on the 20th of June, 1884, at St. Vincent, Pennsylvania, and was assigned to duty at Richmond, Iowa, on the 3d of July of that year. There he continued for seven years, after which he went to Portsmouth, Shelby county, Iowa, where he spent three years. Later he had charge of a church in St. Paul, Lee county, Iowa, and on the 25th of February, 1902, came to Ottumwa as pastor of St. Mary's church. This is the Ottumwa deanery, and there are three churches in this city. At Richmond he added a school and new parochial residence to the parish property and improved the church to a large extent. At Portsmouth he was instrumental in securing the erection of a new house of worship and while there he also attended a mission each Sunday at Panama, Iowa, which now has a good church and its own pastor. At St. Paul he did all the preliminary work for a new parochial residence. Since coming to Ottumwa he has done much repair work on school and church. He is mechanically inclined, acts as his own architect and has done much planning and drafting. The results achieved indicate his skill and excellence in this connection. Under his guidance the various churches of which he has had charge have made substantial progress, his work being attended by splendid results.

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### A. HARVEY NELSON.

A. Harvey Nelson, who has been identified with mercantile interests throughout his entire business career, opened the first specialty store in Ottumwa in 1906 and has since built up an enviable business in the sale of women's outer garments. His birth occurred in Richland, Keokuk county, Iowa, on the 29th of December, 1866, his parents being H. H. and Eliza (McNeese) Nelson, natives of Tennessee. The father, who was born in Nashville, that state, came to Iowa in the '40s, settling in Keokuk county, where he embarked in the produce business. His demise there occurred but his widow still survives, making her home at Richland. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Samantha, who is the wife of T. D. Ferguson, of Galesburg, Illinois; Hattie, who gave her hand in marriage to William Brown, of Kansas City; A. Harvey, of this review;

Emma, the wife of J. W. Pendergraft, of Richland, Iowa; and Laura, who is the wife of J. W. Green, of Richland, this state.

A. Harvey Nelson acquired his education in the graded and high schools of Richland and likewise pursued a course in a business college of Burlington. Since putting aside his textbooks he has given his time and energies to mercantile pursuits with excellent success. He came to Ottumwa in 1903 and was here associated with Mr. Scase for three years. On the expiration of that period he opened the first women's specialty store in Ottumwa and the growth of the business has since necessitated doubling its quarters. He utilizes the services of ten employes in the sale of women's outer garments and now enjoys an enviable and gratifying patronage. Mr. Nelson also owns the Iowa Cloak & Millinery Company of Ottumwa and is widely recognized as a prosperous and representative merchant of the city. He holds the office of first vice president in the National Federation of Retail Merchants.

On the 5th of May, 1891, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Robertson, a native of Des Moines and a daughter of S. M. and Gulia (Gray) Robertson, both of whom are deceased. The father was a traveling salesman. Our subject and his wife have three daughters, namely: Hazel, Helen and Alice Louise.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Nelson has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, while fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a man whom to know is to esteem and honor, his sterling qualities winning him the friendship and regard of a large circle of acquaintances.

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### MARCUS P. DUFFIELD.

Marcus P. Duffield is a stockholder in several of the important business interests of Ottumwa. Thrown upon his own resources when not quite sixteen years of age and facing the further necessity of providing for his mother's family as well as for his own support, he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He was born in Douds Station, Van Buren

county, January 2, 1871. His father, Huston P. Duffield, a native of Carroll county, Ohio, was born in 1836 and when a young man of twenty-eight years came to Iowa. The greater part of his life was devoted to merchandising, and he conducted business in various towns. In 1883 he came to Wapello county, and his last days were spent in Eldon, where he departed this life in 1886. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Angelina Huckleberry, was born in Indiana in 1845 and is now living in Omaha, Nebraska. Their family numbered five children: Willa, the wife of Clarence M. Shaw of Tecumseh, Nebraska; Eddy C., who was killed in a railroad wreck in 1892 when he was acting as fireman upon the road; Marcus P.; Roy De Witt, who was injured in a wreck and died from the effects thereof; and Jean P., a piano teacher of Omaha.

Marcus P. Duffield was a young lad when his parents moved to Eldon, where he pursued an education in the common schools. He afterward worked for five years for the Rock Island Railway Company in various capacities and subsequently spent two years in the Bradley Bank at Eldon. He then began work for the Hardsocg Manufacturing Company as shipping clerk and was given charge of their garment department, of which he was the superintendent for seven years. He next went upon the road as a traveling salesman and following his recall to the house acted as manager of the Hardsocg Manufacturing Company for eight years. He next became manager of the Hardsocg Wonder Drill Company, in which he is one of the directors. He also is identified with the Citizens Savings Bank and is interested in another manufacturing company—the Ottumwa Iron Works. He readily recognizes opportunities and responsibilities, and he utilizes the former with the readiness with which he meets the latter.

On the 28th of August, 1901, Mr. Duffield was united in marriage to Miss Jennie McCampbell, who was born in Columbus, Ohio, a daughter of William and Mary (Smith) McCampbell, both of whom are residents of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Duffield are the parents of a son, Marcus McCampbell, who was born October 4, 1903. The family attend the Methodist church, in which the parents hold membership. Mr. Duffield gives his political support to the republican party, but he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon business affairs and their wise direction has brought him to an enviable position. Although in his youth



heavy responsibilities were laid upon him, it called forth and developed the strong and salient traits of his character and fitted him for the duties of later life.

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### BENJAMIN JAMES BOULTON.

Benjamin James Boulton is now giving his supervision merely to his invested interests, looking after his private holdings. He was, however, for many years actively connected with commercial and manufacturing interests, and his efforts were not only a resultant element in winning individual success, but were also a feature in public prosperity. His life record had its beginning at Great Yarmouth, England, March 12, 1832, his parents being Benjamin and Mary (Ward) Boulton. The father died in England when his son Benjamin was about sixteen years of age, and later the mother came to the new world and passed away at Green Bush, near Albany, New York. Benjamin and his brother, George W. Boulton, made the voyage to the new world in 1851 and their sister, Esther, came later.

Benjamin James Boulton is the only survivor of the three children of the family. As stated, he left his native land in 1851, and in due time arrived in New York harbor. He then made his way to Canandaigua, New York, where he continued until the winter of 1854-55. In England he had learned the trade of baker and confectioner and was employed along that line in Canandaigua. In the winter of 1855 and 1856 he arrived in Iowa. He had to walk across the Mississippi river on the ice to Dubuque and continued in that city until 1859, working at his trade. He then came to Ottumwa, where he purchased a bakery and later extended the scope of his business to include the manufacture of confectionery. In 1866 his brother George came from Albany, New York, and entered into partnership with him under the style of Boulton Brothers, and when at a later date they were joined by Henry Phillips the style of Boulton Brothers & Company was assumed. Subsequently, however, Benjamin J. Boulton purchased the interest of both his partners and conducted the business with growing success until 1889, when, having acquired a handsome competence, he retired. He built up an extensive wholesale confectionery and cracker business, being the pioneer in both lines in this state.

He installed the first cracker machine in 1861, and at all times he had a splendidly equipped plant, supplied with modern machinery and all accessories that facilitated his work. After embarking in the wholesale trade he was first located where the Globe Tea Company is now to be found, and he is still the owner of part of the building. His attention of late years has been given to the supervision of his property interests, which include a number of dwellings that return to him a gratifying annual income.

In 1861 Mr. Boulton was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Belle Hobbs, who was born in Greencastle, Indiana, February 21, 1845, and was brought to Wapello county by her parents in 1848, since which time she has here resided. She is a daughter of William and Emily (Tennant) Hobbs, natives of Maryland and Kentucky respectively. The father, who was a soldier of the War of 1812, became a pioneer settler of Indiana and later of Iowa, driving across the country to this state. Both he and his wife died in Ottumwa, where he had long been known as a capable business man, engaged in the manufacture of saddlery and harness. His family numbered ten children, of whom Mrs. Boulton, the youngest, is the only one now living. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children, of whom seven have passed away: Ettie, who died at the age of nineteen years; Laura B., who died at the age of twenty-eight; James at the age of one year; George when but ten months old; Esther at the age of two years; and two who died in infancy. Those still living are Anna, the wife of W. S. Hogue, of Omaha, Nebraska; and Lela F., at home.

Mr. Boulton gives his political support to the republican party and for two terms has served as a member of the city council. In religious belief he is a spiritualist, while his wife has for forty years been a member of the Episcopal church. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which he joined in Dubuque in 1857. He has been presented with a badge that indicates a half century's connection with the order, and he is well known in the different branches of Odd Fellowship. He has lived to witness great changes, none of which are more notable than in transportation. When he came to the United States in 1851 he was a passenger on the sailing vessel Victoria, which was six weeks in completing the trip and encountered one very severe storm. Today the same trip may be made in a little more than four days in vessels that are floating

palaces. Other equally notable changes have occurred along many other lines, and marked, indeed, is the contrast between the Ottumwa of today and the little city in which he took up his abode in 1859. He has always been in sympathy with the efforts for its upbuilding, has cooperated in many movements for the general good and as years have gone by has proven his worth as a business man and a citizen, being today one of the highly respected residents of Wapello county.

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### WILLIAM FIEDLER.

Prominent among the energetic, farsighted and successful business men of Ottumwa is William Fiedler, the vice president of the Harper & McIntire Company, owning and controlling an extensive wholesale and retail hardware business, Mr. Fiedler having the management of the retail establishment. Power grows through the exercise of effort, and it has been through continuous business activity that Mr. Fiedler has developed his capability and reached his present responsible and gratifying position as a factor in the commercial circles of Ottumwa.

He was born in Espy, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1860, a son of Frank and Frances (Fowler) Fiedler, who were also natives of the Keystone state. They came to Iowa when their son William was about a year old, settling at Agency, Wapello county, where they joined Mr. Fiedler's father, Isaiah Fiedler, who had preceded them four or five years. Frank Fiedler conducted business as an architect, contractor and builder and was also superintendent of the waterworks in Ottumwa at one time. He did considerable building in the early part of his life and later became engineer and superintendent of construction of the waterworks for S. L. Wiley, who built waterworks all over the United States. In public affairs too Mr. Fiedler was prominent and his cooperation could always be counted upon to further any movement for the general good. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, and he served for a few terms as alderman. Fraternally he was connected with the Masons and in his life exemplified the beneficent spirit of the craft. He died in November, 1910, at the age of seventy-four years, while his wife passed away in October, 1902, at the age of sixty-seven years. They had two sons and three

daughters; Emma, who is principal of the Adams school of Ottumwa; William; Ida, deceased; Alice, who is principal of the Hedrick school; and F. H., a traveling salesman residing in Ottumwa.

William Fiedler has spent the greater part of his life in the city which is still his home, being brought to Iowa when but a year old. He passed through consecutive grades in the public schools until he became a high-school pupil and when eighteen years of age started in the business world in connection with the hardware trade in the employ of the firm with which he is now associated. From office boy he has worked his way upward through intermediate positions and official connections to the vice presidency of the Harper & McIntire Company, which is one of the most important commercial firms of this section of the state. The business was incorporated January 1, 1913, and is conducted along both wholesale and retail lines. They have, however, two places of business, the wholesale and the retail establishments, and of the latter Mr. Fiedler has charge. This is one of the most extensive commercial enterprises of Ottumwa and the volume of trade is a large one, their commercial connections reaching out over a broad territory. The house has ever maintained an unsullied reputation for business integrity as well as for commercial enterprise. Mr. Fiedler started out in life a poor boy without any special advantages, but gradually he has worked his way upward through the force of his character and ability until he stands as a leading factor in commercial circles and as an example of what may be accomplished when perseverance, energy and ambition lead the way.

In 1894 occurred the marriage of Mr. Fiedler and Miss Belle Graves, a native of Ottumwa and a daughter of H. P. Graves, who was one of the early settlers of this state, arriving soon after its admission to the Union. He engaged extensively in real-estate dealings and for many years acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. He was likewise prominent in public affairs in the early days and remained a valued and respected citizen of Ottumwa until his death in 1890. His widow survived him for about a year. Mr. and Mrs. Fiedler have become parents of four children, Lydia, Frank, Mary and Rosamond.

Mr. Fiedler votes with the republican party. He is quick and generous in his support of any measure or movement which



he believes will benefit the city and county. His influence has always been on the side of progress and right, and he is a consistent member of the First Methodist Episcopal church. In Masonry he has attained high rank, being now a Knight Templar and a member of the Mystic Shrine. His social nature finds expression in his membership in the Wapello and Ottumwa Country Clubs, in both of which he is popular. He is regarded as one of the forceful factors of the community, respected by young and old, rich and poor, and best liked where he is best known.

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### MADISON C. WARDER.

Madison C. Warder is the owner of a large farm in Pleasant township, his possessions aggregating four hundred and thirty-seven acres of valuable and productive land. He is widely known, both as a general farmer and stock-raiser, and he bears a reputation for being an enterprising, progressive and thoroughly reliable business man. He was born in Ohio, November 12, 1848, and is a son of Philip M. and Nancy (Dillon) Warder, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. They came to Wapello county, Iowa, in 1853, and settled on a farm in Compentine township, where they continued to reside until called from this life. Their family numbered seven children, of whom three are living: Frank, now a resident of Hedrick, Iowa; Madison, of this review; and John. There is also a half brother, A. D., who is living in Pleasant township.

Madison C. Warder remained at home until he had reached adult age and then, with a common-school education and the spirit of energy and ambition as a foundation upon which to build later success, he started out in life. He first purchased a farm of ninety-seven acres, upon which he made his home for two years. He then sold that property and made investment in his present farm, to which he has added from time to time until he is now the owner of a valuable and productive property of four hundred and thirty-seven acres, all in Pleasant township. His home place is situated on section 17. He has always engaged in raising and feeding stock and keeps high grade cattle, horses and hogs upon his place. His crops are most carefully produced according to modern scientific methods. He





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practices crop rotation, also fertilizes his fields in other ways, and carries on his work according to the latest improved methods, so that excellent results are assured.

In 1875 Mr. Warder was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Carson, a native of this county and a daughter of Calvin and Tena Carson, both of whom are now deceased. The father was a native of Tennessee, while the mother's birth occurred in Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Warder have been born eleven children, of whom eight still survive: Madison, at home; Effie B., the wife of William Amsbaugh; H. E.; Thurman; Sherman; Mary, the wife of Landa Shoemaker; May, the wife of Ray Green; and Jessie, at home. The wife and mother is a member of the Christian church. Politically Mr. Warder is a democrat, and he has served as township trustee and justice of the peace. In the latter office his decisions have been strictly fair and impartial. He has also done good work as a member of the school board, and his aid and cooperation, have been factors in promoting general improvement and progress along many lines. Moreover, he deserves mention in this volume as one of the pioneer residents of Wapello county, where he arrived when a little lad of about five years and where he has made his home continuously for more than six decades. During this period he has witnessed marvelous changes, as pioneer conditions have given way before an advancing civilization. He has lived to see the early homes replaced by commodious and substantial farm residences, while schools and churches have been built here and there and towns and villages have sprung up, indicating the growth in population and progressive spirit that actuates the citizens of this section of the state.

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#### WATSON N. ENYART.

Watson N. Enyart is a factor in financial circles of Wapello county as cashier of the Agency Savings Bank, which position he has held continuously since the organization of the institution in 1906. His birth occurred in Agency, this county, on the 25th of October, 1879, his parents being John W. and Mary B. (Newell) Enyart, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Wapello county, Iowa. John W. Enyart came to this county

with his parents in early life and has since remained within its borders, both he and his wife being numbered among the substantial and respected residents here.

Watson N. Enyart supplemented his early education by a high-school course. As above stated, he became identified with financial interests in 1906, when he was made cashier of the newly organized Agency Savings Bank, in which capacity he has served continuously to the present time, proving an able, courteous and obliging official of the institution. His fellow officers are Samuel Mahan, president, and John D. Newell, vice president.

In 1898 Mr. Enyart was united in marriage to Miss Retta Cremer, a native of Agency township, Wapello county, and a daughter of L. K. and Ernestine (Santbine) Cremer, who were also born in this county and still reside here. Our subject and his wife have three children, namely: Charles W., who was born March 23, 1900, and is a high-school student; Edna, whose natal day was September 23, 1904; and Ralph, whose birth occurred on the 31st of December, 1906.

Mr. Enyart gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has been an efficient incumbent in the office of township clerk. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Olive Branch Lodge, No. 21, A. F. & A. M.; Clinton Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M., and Malta Commandery, K. T., of Ottumwa. He attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Enyart have spent their entire lives in Wapello county and have a circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

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### WILBUR FISK CLEMENTS.

Wilbur Fisk Clements, owner of the Agency telephone system, is a business man notably prompt, energetic and reliable in all his dealings. His activities and interests have carried him into various sections of the country, and gradually he has worked his way upward, improving opportunities that others have passed heedlessly by and winning for himself a place among the substantial citizens of the county in which he now makes his home. He is a native of Blooming Grove, Franklin county, Indiana, born November 24, 1849, his parents being Richard

and Elizabeth (Webb) Clements. He has almost a complete genealogical record, showing direct descent from one of three brothers who came to America in the Mayflower. His grandfather also bore the name of Richard Clements and was an exhorter in Indiana when it was a pioneer state, traveling for miles through the wilderness to a little settlement, where he would preach the gospel. Wilbur F. Clements traces his ancestry in the maternal line back to the period of the Revolutionary war. His father was a native of Maryland and his mother of Indiana. After residing for some years in the latter state following their marriage they came to Wapello county, where they settled upon a farm, here continuing to make their home until called to their final rest. They had a family of five children: Altis, now a resident of Red Oak, Iowa; Wilbur F.; Virginia, the wife of George W. Fair of Red Oak; and Howard and Mary F., both residents of California.

Wilbur F. Clements pursued his early education in the common schools and afterward attended a seminary. He was but fourteen years of age when he started out in life on his own account, and since then he has depended entirely upon his own resources. He first learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for several years, becoming quite expert in that line. He has pronounced mechanical tendencies, which have been developed until his skill in that direction is marked. In 1878 he went to Colorado, attracted by the excitement over lead discoveries, and there remained for two years. He then returned to Wapello county, where he was again connected with building interests until 1902, in which year he went to New Mexico. Having taken up the business of mechanical engineering, he was engaged in the construction of municipal waterworks and in setting up machinery of various kinds. He built some gold reduction mills and also was the builder of creamery plants in six different states. Following his return to Wapello county in 1904 he became identified with telephone interests and established the Agency exchange. He owns the entire line and in this connection gives excellent service to the public, at all times striving to improve the system, which is today recognized as an indispensable factor in the community. His possessions also include one hundred and sixty acres of land in Montana and town property in Agency, in addition to the telephone system.

On the 8th of October, 1871, Mr. Clements was married, in this county, to Miss Rebecca Fair, a native of Maryland and



a daughter of John and Rebecca (Fisher) Fair, who were also natives of that state. They came to Iowa during the early development of Wapello county, however, and here settled upon a farm, which continued to be their home throughout their remaining days. In their family were nine children. To Mr. and Mrs. Clements have been born three children: Avonia K., now the wife of Rev. W. H. Perdew of Newton, Iowa; Melville F., who married Minnie Coover and is a civil engineer of Oregon; and Gladys M., the wife of Lorne Parks of Burns, Montana. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Clements gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has held numerous township offices, has also been assessor and a member of the city council of Agency. The cause of education likewise finds in him a stalwart champion, and he has done effective work in its behalf while serving on the school board. While his business interests have taken him into other sections of the country, he has spent much of his life in Wapello county, where he has a wide acquaintance and an extensive circle of friends.

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### JOSIAH H. MYERS.

No resident of Ottumwa has resided in the city for a longer period than has Josiah H. Myers, now living at No. 136 North Davis street. For almost the psalmist's allotted span of three-score years and ten he has made his home here, arriving in 1845, when a young man of nineteen years. Great and wonderful have been the changes which have since occurred and none rejoice more heartily in what has been accomplished than Josiah H. Myers. He was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, now Roanoke county, February 5, 1826, a son of John and Elizabeth (Britts) Myers, who were also natives of the same locality. The paternal grandfather, John Myers, was a Hessian, who came from Hesse-Cassel as one of the soldiers hired by Louis Philippe and sent by King George III of England to aid in putting down the "Rebellion" in America. Following his arrival in the new world the sympathy of John Myers went out to the American forces, so that he deserted and joined Washington's army. He served as a wagon master of one of the regiments at the battle of Yorktown. Continuing his residence in the new

world, following the attainment of American liberties, he became recognized as an excellent farmer and good citizen in the communities in which he lived. He died in Montgomery county, Indiana, at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife survived him for five or six years. They had four sons and four daughters, all of whom lived to maturity, were married and had families. The youngest, William, died in Montgomery county, Indiana, about 1910, when ninety-four years of age.

John Myers, the father of our subject, was the eldest of the family, his birth occurring in 1792. He died on a farm two miles north of Ottumwa November 30, 1865, while his wife, who was born in 1798, passed away in Indiana September 12, 1833. It was in 1830 that the family left Virginia and established their home upon a frontier farm in Montgomery county, Indiana, where the mother passed away three years later. The family continued to reside in that state for fifteen years and in 1845 arrived in Ottumwa, two years after the city was platted. It was on the 1st of May, 1843, that this territory was opened up to settlement, the government having purchased it from the Sac and Fox Indians. In Virginia the father followed the miller's trade and in Indiana he built a good mill, which he operated until his removal to Iowa. In the spring of 1844 his son, Joel B. Myers, and David Armstrong, brother-in-law of Josiah H. Myers, came to Wapello county and erected a mill before the father and other members of the family arrived. This was a sawmill, the first in Wapello county, and there was also a pair of burrs for grinding any kind of grain that the settlers wished to have converted into flour or meal. This mill stood on the north bank of the river at the foot of Market street. The county commissioners donated to the company owning it a tract of land extending from Market to within one hundred and thirty-two feet of Green street and down to the river. The business was conducted under the firm name of Myers, Armstrong & Coffin, the third partner, Thomas C. Coffin, being a son-in-law of the senior partner, Mr. Myers. The sons-in-law, Messrs. Armstrong and Coffin, afterward withdrew, while Mr. Myers operated the mill altogether for twelve years, sawing all the lumber that was used in building operations in Ottumwa in the early days. His entire life was devoted to the milling business and he was a most active, busy man, his life being one of value and worth to the community. In Indiana he became the owner of eight hundred acres of land and platted one hundred acres of that for the town of

Ladoga. Much of his life was spent upon the frontier, first in Indiana and afterward in Iowa. The last twenty-five miles of his trip that took him to his Indiana home was over an old Indian trail in the wilderness, for there were no roads. He became a moving spirit of that section of the country, and he was also a most valued citizen in Iowa, contributing in large measure to the upbuilding and progress of Ottumwa and Wapello county. Today the only survivors of the family of John and Elizabeth Myers are Mrs. Sarah Coffin, of Boise, Idaho; John; and Josiah.

Ottumwa has been the place of residence of the last named since 1845, or for almost seventy years, he being today the oldest resident of the city. He learned the milling business with his father, but ceased activity along that line soon after his father's death. He became a carpenter and later a contractor and builder and erected a large number of substantial structures in the city. Later he turned his attention to the cultivation of flowers and vegetables, building a greenhouse and continuing in that business for a decade. He then retired and is now spending the evening of life in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. His business activities were interrupted by his service in the Civil war, for on the 15th of August, 1862, he enlisted as a member of Company E, Thirty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years. He was detailed for mechanical work, being engaged on construction work most of the time. He entered the service as a duty sergeant and at the close of the war he was honorably discharged, having rendered valuable aid to his country.

On the 9th of December, 1856, Mr. Myers was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Cochran, who was born near Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, April 10, 1836, and in 1844 came to Iowa with her father, her mother having died in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Myers became the parents of three children: Charles, who died in infancy, in 1862; William P., who lives near his father; and Henry G., of Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Myers holds membership in Tuttle Post, G. A. R., and is a loyal and honored representative of that organization. He cast his first presidential vote in 1848 for Zachary Taylor and in 1856 supported John C. Fremont, since which time he has voted the republican ticket. In 1855, however, he was identified with the know nothings. Twice he has been elected city assessor and served for four years. He has made eleven assessments of Ottumwa, having on other occasions been deputized for the work

by other assessors. No history of the county would be complete without extended reference to Mr. Myers, who has seen the wonderful development of the county since pioneer times.

He has watched with interest the changes that have occurred as its wild lands have been entered from the government and converted into rich and productive farms. He has seen towns and villages spring up and has witnessed the growth of Ottumwa from a village of about eighteen houses to its present size with all of its industrial and commercial interests. His business interests have brought him into close connection with its upbuilding and improvement and Ottumwa recognizes her indebtedness to him for his efforts in her behalf. Today he is enjoying a well earned rest.

“How blessed is he  
Who crowns in shades like these  
The youth of labor  
With an age of ease.”

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### THOMAS MILLER ROSS.

A half century has come and gone since Thomas Miller Ross passed away. He was making his home in Ottumwa when called to his final rest and some of the older citizens here remember him as a man worthy of all respect. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in April, 1811, a son of James and Eliza (Brown) Ross, who were also natives of the Keystone state, spending their entire lives in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, where the father was a large landowner. He was a son of Thomas and Jane (Miller) Ross, and he had grants of land from the British government. The son James operated lumber mills and became one of the representative citizens of his district. From the north of Ireland the father of Thomas Ross came to America, his ancestors, who were Scotch people, having made their way to Ireland to escape religious persecution. Thomas Ross was united in marriage to Miss Jane Miller in Philadelphia and his remains now lie interred in the Ross family cemetery of Pittsburgh. Espousing the cause of liberty, he became a soldier of the Revolutionary war and was wounded at the battle of Saratoga, but lived to be an old man, his death, however, finally resulting from blood-poisoning occasioned by that wound, which he had sustained



many years before. He was a close relative of Colonel George Ross, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. John Ross, husband of Betsy Ross, was a nephew of Colonel George Ross and was killed while guarding military stores in Philadelphia.

It will thus be seen that Thomas Miller Ross is descended from a family whose name figures prominently in connection with early events which shaped the history of this country. He spent his early manhood largely in the south as a contractor and in 1862 he came to Ottumwa to make his home. At the time of the Civil war, however, he became superintendent of pontoon bridges and while thus engaged contracted a disease which terminated his life in St. Louis in August, 1863.

It was about ten years before that Mr. Ross was united in marriage, in McVeytown, Pennsylvania, to Miss Tabitha Thornburg, who was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1827, and died in Ottumwa, Iowa, in April, 1898, at the advanced age of seventy-one years. She was a good business woman, and after her husband's death managed her affairs well. She held membership in the Episcopal church and had many sterling traits of character, which endeared her to all who knew her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross were the parents of three children: Flora S. and Laura A., who reside at the old home at No. 412 North Court street; and Mrs. Mary (Ross) Kiester, of El Paso, Texas. The daughters who still reside at Ottumwa are active members in Trinity church and are prominent members in the Daughters of the American Revolution. For a long period Miss Flora Ross taught in the public schools of Ottumwa and her sister Mollie was also a teacher for a number of years. They belong to one of the old families of the city and are widely and favorably known in Wapello county.

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### J. E. HOUGHLAND.

J. E. Houghland, who is one of the best esteemed and most venerated residents of Eldon, is entitled to great credit for the service which he rendered his nation in the Civil war, in which he made an excellent record, distinguishing himself by gallantry and faithfulness to duty. He is now engaged in the real-estate



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business and also acts as pension attorney, but for many years he was connected with many commercial and industrial enterprises, some of which he successfully managed and some of which he organized. He has taken an interest in material development and in intellectual growth and has also taken an active part in the church life of his city. Moreover, he has held public positions and in all his connections has proven himself a manly man of high principles.

J. E. Houghland was born in Fort Madison, Iowa, July 12, 1844, and is a son of Elza and Sarah (Adair) Houghland, the father born in Washington county, Ohio, and the mother in Indiana. They came to Fort Madison in 1836, the father following his trade of a contracting carpenter and builder. He died in that city in 1856, his widow surviving him until 1882. In their family were eight children, of whom only one, our subject, is now living.

J. E. Houghland began his independent career at the early age of fourteen, having previously acquired such education as circumstances and pioneer conditions permitted. His first position was as a clerk in a grocery store and his remuneration was five dollars per month and board. He continued in that capacity until July 14, 1862, when he enlisted in Company E, Nineteenth Iowa Infantry, being then eighteen years of age. He served with his company for three years and participated in seven battles. In fighting around near Morganza, Louisiana, he was taken prisoner at Sterling Plantation, on September 29, 1863, and for ten months was confined in Shreveport, Louisiana and in Camp Ford, near Tyler, Texas. He then was exchanged, the transfer taking place at the mouth of the Red river, July 20, 1864. During the last year of his service he was promoted color guard. He was mustered out July 10, 1865, at Mobile, Alabama, and then returned to Fort Madison, where for four years he filled the position of guard and turnkey under Warden Heasey. At the end of that time he and his mother removed to Washington, Iowa, and there he engaged in the wholesale grocery business. There Mr. Houghland was married and remained until 1873, when he moved to Brighton, Iowa, where he established himself in the hardware business, handling stoves and also shelf hardware. He remained in that town until 1879, when he moved to Eldon, where he established himself in partnership with his brother, W. D. Houghland, in the contracting and building business. This partnership was maintained until



1881, when he established the Eldon Brick & Tile Company, which later became the Trott Brick Company. He was interested in this concern for some time but later disposed of his interest and engaged in the real-estate business, in which he is still active. He also loans money at a low rate on city and farm properties. In addition to carrying on these lines of business he acts as pension attorney. Mr. Houghland is a shrewd and able business man and is considered one of the best judges of real estate in his neighborhood. He has established a high reputation, for he sees to it that all who employ his services are treated fairly and squarely.

On September 27, 1871, Mr. Houghland married Miss Emma McCoy, a daughter of William and Esther (Whalen) McCoy, natives of Ohio, who in an early day in the history of this state came to Iowa and who passed away in Brighton. In their family were nine children, six boys and three girls, of whom six are living. Mr. and Mrs. Houghland were the parents of three children: Ida Delia, of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Thomas C., who succumbed to a hunting accident; and Nellie E., the wife of George W. Roberts, of Eldon, a salesman for the Morrell company of Ottumwa. To this last union two children were born, Violet and James Wallace.

Mr. Houghland has always taken an interest in the progress and growth of his city and has contributed to its advancement in many ways. He organized and was the first leader of the Eldon Cornet Band and remained a member of that organization for a number of years. The stockyards of the Rock Island railroad being offensive to many residents, he succeeded in having them removed out of the city limits to their present location. He was also instrumental in the building of the Congregational church, of which he is a member. He served his city as assistant postmaster under E. P. Roland for four years and helped to make the office one which is filled by presidential appointment. He also secured the former postoffice building for the city. He was instrumental in having the first postoffice boxes put in—a convenience which is greatly appreciated by the people. He was a member of the Building & Loan Association until the enterprise was discontinued and in that connection was often instrumental in rendering needed help to those who desired to found their own homes. The large cannon—the biggest in the state—which is now ornamenting the soldiers' monument, was secured to the city through his efforts.



J. E. HOUGHLAND  
As a Union soldier



Mr. Houghland has always stood for improvement and progress, and it was largely through his efforts that the concrete sidewalks were built from the city to the cemetery. When the prohibition law went into effect he set himself to the task of closing the saloons of Eldon and for three years succeeded in keeping the retail liquor stores closed. Many times his life was in danger at this period, and he had to constantly carry a revolver in his pocket. During the first year of its organization he joined the Grand Army of the Republic and is still a member of Vorhies Post, No. 73, at Eldon, having held all the offices in the local organization. He was the last owner of the Grand Army hall, which was built by the post, and in which he held his meetings while he was fighting the saloon interests. He subsequently sold this property to the Baptist society, transforming the interior for that purpose. He has always stood for the best interests of the community, and there is none who can raise a word of reproach against him. Politically he is a republican and has always been loyal to that party which stood for the Union cause in the time of the nation's greatest stress. Fraternally he is a member of New Hope Lodge, No. 480, A. F. & A. M., which he organized in 1887 and in which he has filled most of the chairs. He and his wife also founded Eastern Star Chapter, No. 66, and are therefore both charter members. He was for two terms patron of the organization. His daughter Nellie is also a member. Mr. Houghland wrote the only history of the Nineteenth Iowa Infantry, which is now a highly prized document, being of interest to all those who served in its ranks and their descendants. For a number of years he was correspondent for the Ottumwa Courier and now writes for the Des Moines Capital. He has important property interests outside of the state, owning three farms in southern Texas and valuable lands in California and Oklahoma, while in Eldon he has also made judicious investments.

In earlier days he was one of the promoters and manager of the St. Louis, Iowa & Northern Railroad Company, the land for which was surveyed from Eldon south to Union, Missouri, and which would have been a success if it had not been defeated by the powerful influence of the Wabash and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads, whose lines the new road had to cross. The two other railroad companies vigorously fought the sale of bonds in Wall street and therefore made the scheme at that time impossible. However, Mr. Houghland is quite convinced that



the line will be built some day by the Rock Island Railroad Company and that it will be of the greatest importance to Eldon, for it will establish a direct through route from this city to St. Louis. As is evidenced from his many activities Mr. Houghland has been one of the most useful citizens of his district. He is honored and respected for all he has done in behalf of the public, and all those who personally know him appreciate him for his courtesy, his kindly and obliging ways, his charitable views as regards the feelings of others and that Christian spirit which is a most important quality of any man's character.

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### WILLIAM H. THOMPSON.

When the tocsin of war was sounded, testing the spirit of patriotism in each citizen of the republic, William H. Thompson of Ottumwa was among the number who responded to the call, and for almost four years he was on active duty in defense of the stars and stripes, being present at Appomattox, when General Lee surrendered—the evidence of the fact that the war was over and the Union was preserved. For a long period Mr. Thompson was identified with building operations but is now living retired in Ottumwa, his home being at No. 424 North Birch street. He was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, about ten miles from the birthplace of President McKinley, on the 14th of October, 1840, and was a lad of ten years when he was taken to Venango county, Pennsylvania, by his parents, William and Marilla (Hart) Thompson. The father was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and died in Venango county in 1865, when sixty-five years of age. He was of Scotch descent and made farming his life work. His wife was a representative of an old Connecticut family, probably of English lineage. She was born near Hartford, Connecticut, and passed away in Venango county, Pennsylvania, in 1860, at the age of sixty years. In their family were seven children, of whom William H. was the sixth in order of birth. These were: Mrs. Lovisa Risher, now deceased; Ambrose, living in Mercer county, Pennsylvania; Newell, who has passed away; Porter, who served for about a year in the Civil war in the same company as his brother William and is now deceased; William H.,

of this review; Albert, who has departed this life; and one child who died in infancy.

William H. Thompson was reared upon the home farm, with the usual experiences of the boy who divides his time between the work of the fields and the acquirement of a public-school education. On the twenty-first anniversary of his birth, October 14, 1861, he enlisted at Franklin, Pennsylvania, for service in the Civil war, joining Company I, Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served for three years and ten months, or until the close of hostilities, having in the meantime veteranized. He received a scalp wound, a minie ball grazing his head. He took part in seventy-four engagements and was present when General Lee handed his sword to General Grant at Appomattox, which was virtually the end of the war. When discharged he was acting as orderly sergeant. He could have had a commission but preferred remaining in the ranks, and on all occasions he proved his valor and loyalty, never faltering in his allegiance to the old flag and the cause it represented.

When the war was over Mr. Thompson returned to his old home in Pennsylvania and began work as a carpenter and builder, which trade he followed until about twelve years ago, when ill health forced his retirement. In 1876 he came to Iowa, settling at Birmingham, and in the spring of 1879 removed to Ottumwa, residing at No. 424 North Birch street since that time. He erected here the home which he now occupies and which is an attractive and comfortable residence. He has erected many buildings in the city and was closely identified with building operations for a number of years.

On the 23d of December, 1867, Mr. Thompson was married, in West Middlesex, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, to Miss Elizabeth Farrell, who was born in the city of Newry, County Down, Ireland, July 21, 1844. When two years of age she was brought to America by her parents, Matthew and Elizabeth (Adams) Farrell, who settled in Pennsylvania. Some years afterward they disposed of their property and interests in that state and joined their children in Ottumwa, where both passed away. The father was a blacksmith in his younger years. To Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were born three children: Effie, the wife of W. P. Doty of Ottawa, Illinois; Jennie, the wife of K. N. Eldridge of Tacoma, Washington; and William Albert, who is living in Davenport and who married Mabel Myers, of Ottumwa. The elder daughter, Mrs. Doty, was a teacher for eight

years in the public schools of Ottumwa before her marriage. She has two children, Helen and Albert. Mrs. Eldridge was a teacher of music before her marriage. She has one daughter, Elizabeth.

In politics Mr. Thompson has always been a staunch republican, unfaltering in his allegiance to the party and its principles. For fifty-five years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has been active in its work. For forty-five years he has held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is a charter member of Cloutman Post, No. 69, G. A. R. He participated in the engagement at Gettysburg and returned to the old battlefield for the fiftieth anniversary of that sanguinary conflict. He arrived at that place on the morning of the second day of the battle and took part in the fighting on that and the succeeding day. His brother-in-law, David Farrell, served for three years in the Tenth Regiment of Pennsylvania Reserves and was on active duty in the three days' fight at Gettysburg. He, too, attended the fiftieth anniversary celebration and met Mr. Thompson there. He was a first lieutenant of Company B, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves, and he died two weeks after the anniversary. The semi-centennial celebration of that battle was made a national event, and it was an occasion of great pleasure to Mr. Thompson and others who participated. He greatly enjoyed meeting not only his old comrades but the Confederate troops who were present on the occasion, when the bitterness and strife of war were over and they clasped hands as American brothers. Mr. Thompson has ever been as loyal to his country in days of peace as in times of war, a spirit of patriotism actuating him in all life's relations.

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### ALBERT E. McCUE.

Albert E. McCue, now living retired in Ottumwa, is one of the Civil war veterans, having for about three years marched to the martial strains which indicated that the country was involved in war. Through days of peace he spent many years upon the road as a traveling salesman and was very popular among his many patrons. His birth occurred in Leesburg, Ohio, February

21, 1841, his parents being Patrick Kennedy and Charlotte (Wilkins) McCue. The father was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1802, and the mother's birth occurred in 1812 on the isle of Jersey, off the coast of France. She was brought to the United States when twelve years of age and in Baltimore gave her hand in marriage to Patrick Kennedy McCue, who was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church in that city. At the time of his death, which occurred in 1884, he was the oldest member of the Pittsburgh conference, having devoted fifty-five years of his life to preaching the gospel, and according to the itinerary custom of the Methodist ministry, he and his family removed fifty-five times. In the early days he had a circuit over which he must ride that required eight weeks to make the trip, on which he preached week days as well as the Sabbath. His influence was a potent element for moral progress, and his life was not denied the full harvest nor the aftermath. To him and his wife were born nine children, two of whom passed away in early life, while three sons are yet living: William D., a resident of Cranford, New Jersey; Albert E.; and W. F., living in Denver, Colorado.

On the 22d of August, 1862, Albert E. McCue put aside all business and personal considerations and enrolled among the boys of blue that his native state sent to the front during the Civil war, becoming a member of Company G, Fifty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry under Captain James Taylor Holmes at Richmond, Ohio. He was mustered in at Camp Dennison and three years later was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio. He served with the Army of the Cumberland and took part in the battles of Chickahominy, Shepherd's Run, Murfreesboro, Stone River and other important and hotly contested engagements, together with many minor ones. He was with his regiment in all of its military movements until that command reached Marietta.

After the war Mr. McCue returned to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in clerking, and in 1871 he became identified with business interests of the west, making his home in Ottumwa, where he traveled with a line of dry goods for the firm of Wood, Marsh, Haywood & Company, of Philadelphia. He spent twenty years upon the road as a traveling salesman. For three years he was connected with the **First National Bank** here and for three years was with the De Witt Bank of De Witt, Nebraska. From 1887 to 1897 his headquarters were in Chicago and he traveled in Indiana.



On the 23d of June, 1869, at Kilbourn City, Wisconsin, Mr. McCue was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Dawes, who was born in McConnelsville, Ohio, in 1841, a daughter of Dr. Edward Dawes. Mr. McCue is a member of Cloutman Post, No. 69, G. A. R., and he is today as true and loyal to his country as when he followed the old flag upon southern battle fields. The spirit of patriotism has ever been one of his salient characteristics and, like the vast majority of the old soldiers, he never looks upon the stars and stripes without a feeling of pride and a sense of satisfaction that he had a part in preserving it intact without the loss of a single star.

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### THOMAS R. BICKLEY.

Thomas R. Bickley, deputy oil inspector at Ottumwa, one of the veterans of the Civil war and a highly respected citizen, was born in Newtown, England, October 1, 1844, his parents being William and Nancy (Rogers) Bickley, who were also natives of the same country. The mother died in England in 1850, and the following year the father crossed the Atlantic to the new world, settling in Minersville, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in mining and made arrangements for a home for his family. In 1852 he was joined by his four sons and a daughter, while one daughter remained in England. They continued residents of the Keystone state for several years, but in September, 1863, came to Wapello county and established their home on a farm three miles west of Ottumwa. In 1864, however, Mr. Bickley returned to Pennsylvania, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in 1876. The family numbered nine children, of whom three died in infancy, while six reached adult age.

Thomas R. Bickley, however, is the only survivor of the family. In August, 1862, when a youth of but seventeen years, he enlisted at Ashland, Pennsylvania, for service as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. In less than three weeks he was in active duty at the second battle of Bull Run, one of the hotly contested engagements of the war. He also participated in the battle of Antietam and on the 13th of December, of that year, was in the last charge against Mary's Heights at Fredericksburg. In 1863 he partici-



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pated in the battle of Chancellorsville, where "Stonewall" Jackson was killed by a mistaken volley from his own troops. On the 18th of May, 1863, Mr. Bickley was honorably discharged at Harrisburg. In 1864, however, he re-enlisted as a member of Company I, First Iowa Cavalry from Ottumwa, commanded by Dr. D. C. Densmore, of Kirkville, Iowa. With that command he served until February, 1866, and was honorably discharged at Davenport. He then returned to Ottumwa and learned the plasterer's trade, becoming a contractor, in which business he continued for many years, enjoying an extensive and well merited patronage. In 1872 he served one term as assessor, while from 1889 to 1891 and from 1897 to 1899 he was justice of the peace. In 1900 he was given a subordinate position on the public lands committee of the house of representatives and held this until 1906. His official record is commendable, for at all times he has been faithful to the trust reposed in him and promptness and fidelity have marked the discharge of his duties.

On the 3d of October, 1870, Mr. Bickley was united in marriage to Miss Jane Toon, who was born in Leicestershire, England, October, 23, 1849, and came to America in January, 1869, with her parents, Samuel R. and Mary (Partridge) Toon, who were likewise natives of England. They came with their family to the new world and remained residents of Wapello county until death, being laid to rest in a cemetery at Agency. Mr. and Mrs. Bickley became parents of seven children, six sons and a daughter, but the first five, Henry M., Samuel Lewis, Grace M., Louis R. and Thomas R., have all passed away. Charles Sanders is now a resident of Boise, Idaho. William F., who is living in Seattle, Washington, completes the family. The wife and mother departed this life March 31, 1881, and her death was deeply regretted not only by her immediate family, but also by many friends.

Fraternally Mr. Bickley has been connected with the Masons for forty-four years and for an extended period has held the office of tyler in the local lodge. He is also prominent in Cloutman Post, G. A. R., of which he has been commander and is now quartermaster. Following his return from a trip to the south the Ottumwa Courier of January 10, 1902, printed the following and it is inserted here because it breathes the broad and generous spirit of Mr. Bickley, gives an indication of his ability as a speech maker and shows him to be a most patriotic citizen. The article reads as follows: "Mr. Bickley has a



memento which he prizes very highly and to which he referred in his address made last evening. It is in the form of a white star from a Confederate flag and was presented to Mr. Bickley last summer by the sister of the Confederate bearer who fell while carrying the flag of which the star was a part. Mr. Bickley treasures the memento very highly and has it mounted and framed with the following inscription below it: 'This star, a part of the battle flag of the Thirtieth Confederate Virginia Infantry, was presented to T. R. Bickley, of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, on the battle field of Fredericksburg, Virginia, June 1, 1901, within fifteen feet of the spot where General Gregg of South Carolina fell, mortally wounded, December 13, 1862. The donor was T. F. Proctor, commander of Maury Camp No. 2, Confederate Veterans, at the request of his wife, Bettie Proctor, whose brother, William F. Jones, was color sergeant of said regiment and fell mortally wounded while charging our lines at Drury's Bluff, May 16, 1864, carrying this flag.'

"Fighting the battle over.

"Mr. Bickley made the following address, which is published at the request of the Post, at last evening's meeting:

'Commander, Comrades and Sons of Veterans: You have asked me to write something to be read to Cloutman Post. I would gladly evade the task, for to me it is a new experience, but my relations with Cloutman Post have been so pleasant, and the "Old Boys" have been so kind, that I can't find it in my heart to say "Nay."

'What I submit pertains to the time that "tried men's souls." One of the hopes I had cherished for years was that some day I might have the pleasure of again seeing a few of the places made historic by the valor of the men of the north and the men of the south. It was my fortune to have received my first "baptism of fire" on the sacred soil of Virginia. I had intended going to Fredericksburg on last Decoration Day to witness the unveiling of a monument commemorative of the Fifth Corps, erected by the order of and paid for by Major General Butterfield, who commanded said Corps in the battle at that place, but I missed connection. On the first day of June I took advantage of excursion rates from Washington and arrived at Fredericksburg at 4:30 P. M., a distance of seventy miles. I immediately went to the field, following the course of my regiment after entering the town on the 13th day of December, 1862. Quite a number of

residences have been erected on the field, the city improving in that direction. I was cordially accorded the privilege to pass through cultivated gardens. When on the field one "old timer" asked if I had been there in '62. "Yes." "What part of the line?" I pointed it out. "Why, you were in the hottest of it. We made it warm for you that day." "Yes, hot as hell, but I think we demonstrated to you that the Yankee knew how to die, but I am going today where you Johnnies wouldn't let me go on that day."

'About one hundred and fifty yards from the point where the momentum of our charge was shattered, I arrived at the sunken road, on the edge of which is a story- and-a-half house. The house is occupied by T. F. Proctor, who was a member of the Thirtieth Virginia Confederate Infantry, Company A. The company was raised in Fredericksburg. Said Proctor is employed during the summer months in the National Cemetery. He was at that time commandant of Maury Camp No. 2, Confederate Veterans.

'In a friendly way we fought the old battle over again. I was surprised to hear the following sentiment. "While we are proud of the military record we made during the Civil war, we recognize now that our defeat was the best possible thing for the south, for the development of its resources, and especially for the improvement of the condition of the poor white man, who was thought less of then the 'nigger.' It was a rich man's war and a poor man's fight."

'I was informed that they had three sons who had marched under the Old Flag during our little fracas with Spain. I remarked that I, too, had a boy in that affair, and I little thought thirty-eight years ago that a boy of mine would be subject to the orders of a Fitz Hugh Lee, and that that Lee would be a corps commander in the United States Army, but I rejoiced in the fact. We became quite chummy.

'After securing a few mementos and just upon leaving, the mother said: "I have something I want to show you." She brought out the battle flag that had been presented to the regiment by the ladies of Fredericksburg. It was in ribbons with but one of the thirteen stars left. Handing it to me she said: "My brother carried this flag and fell with it mortally wounded, charging your lines at Drury's Bluff, May 16, 1864." I took it in my hands and gazed at it reverently. I knew that at one time it was to me the emblem of treason, but I could not help regarding

it as a thing made hallowed by the blood of as brave men as ever followed any flag of any country. I do not know how long I looked at it. My thought was concentrated on that dread past. I silently handed it back to the lady. Then I heard a voice say, "Mother, let us give the gentleman the star." I was thunder-struck. I thought of the brave men dead and living who had followed that bit of silk to victory, defeat, and death. I would not have been more surprised if revolvers had been drawn upon me. The mother, looking upon the grizzled old Confederate, said: "Shall I?" He said, "No! There is but one star on the old flag." She quickly said, "I have one framed, and no one has a better right to this flag than I, and I know this gentleman will appreciate it." He said, "I don't care." So they separated the star from the flag and gave it to me. (It is with us tonight). I need not say I value it above money or prize. It was cheerfully given to me. A money consideration was not thought of. It would have been sacrilege. The moment seemed to be entirely one of sentiment, but I confess to feeling that I was "spoiling the Egyptians."

"The two following days I spent roaming over the disastrous field, and I took a melancholy satisfaction in living again that terrible time. The enemy's position was practically impregnable. They had five lines of intrenchments on that part of the line we charged. Our attack was a frontal one, and I do not wonder that after that battle our commander-in-chief was referred to as "Butcher Burnside."

"The National Cemetery is enclosed by a stone wall, having an area of thirteen acres, much of it at an angle of forty-five degrees. The terraces are quite numerous. It was established July 15, 1865. There were fifteen thousand two hundred and forty-three interments, twelve thousand seven hundred and seventy of which were unknown, and but two thousand seven hundred and forty-three known. Not a member of my regiment was among the known. My bunk-mate and boyhood friend, a pure, noble minded young man, with whom I touched elbows in that charge, was one of that twelve thousand seven hundred and seventy. Their bones lay bleaching on that field until reverently gathered and interred two and a half years after the battle.

"We hear much of the generals and officers of all wars. Very little is said only in a general way of the man behind the gun. I think every man who suffered and fought with the great leaders helped to bring them fame, and are sharers in their renown.

Every soldier who fought at Thermopylae helped to make Leonides immortal, helped to make courage and patriotism immortal. Every Union soldier who fought under its leaders helped to make them immortal, and thus helped to fill our history with the names which inspire a nation's pride and patriotism. The bravest and most patriotic thing a man can do is to enter the ranks as a common soldier, animated by patriotism alone. It is not remarkable that men who have made a profession, men who have been educated in the art and science of warfare, should offer themselves to their country in time of war. That is what they have been looking for, if not praying for. It is no disparagement of their virtue and honor to say they have cultivated an ambition for fame, and they hope that in war their genius will manifest itself and the opportunity offer for their achieving distinction, and by gallant deeds rise to high position and enviable immortality. But no such ambition is held out before the volunteer private—the glittering promise of promotion and fame. With a love of country so great as ever moved the heart of a Washington, or Hamilton, or Lincoln, or Grant, many a lad from the farm, many a red-headed, freckle-faced boy from the district school, many a grimy miner, many a young hustler from the workshop, shouldered his musket in the days of the Civil war and went forth to his death without the hope of fame or the dream of glory, but simply with his mother-taught conviction of duty, and with a purpose of defending the flag of his country and preserving this national union. That is the bravest kind of bravery, the most heroic kind of heroism, the most patriotic kind of patriotism.

‘Those men of 1861 and 1865 were not the victims of unholy ambition, nor the dupes of ignorance, nor the rash champions of false and vicious sentiments. They went to war, not from a greed of gain, filled with the conqueror's inhuman spirit. They drew their swords, not from hope of dominion, inspired by the deceitful dreams of power. They fought to victory not from pride of opinion, animated with the stubbornness of ancient bigotry. It was love, not anger, that filled the soldier's heart with his magnificent courage. And it was the love of country, the love of liberty, that sent him forth to glorious sacrifice.

‘Their work is secure, they did not fight in vain. The world cannot go back of those graves and battlefields. They mark a new advance of humanity in civilization. There can be no discussions of questions that were settled in battle and death; no



rewelding of shackles there broken; no rewriting of laws and precedents there blotted out in blood; no resurrection of disputing issues that were buried with the men who took them for arbitrament to the cannon's mouth. The country owes a debt of perpetual and eternal gratitude to the memory of the men who saved this republic. Above all other benefactors, their names should be cherished and their deeds extolled. All honor to the men who walked and fought and died in the ranks. Honor this day and forever to the American private soldier, to the volunteers who came from the ranks of the toiling common people to preserve the government of the people.' "

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### FREDERICK A. TISDALE.

Frederick A. Tisdale is a retired lumberman of Ottumwa, where he has made his home since 1867. He has witnessed changes here as the work of progress and improvement has been carried forward, and at all times has been in thorough sympathy with the progressive element in the citizenship of the county. Iowa claims him as a native son, for his birth occurred in Bloomfield, Davis county, October 8, 1858, his parents being O. D. and Harriet Newell (Baldwin) Tisdale. The father was born near Watertown, New York, in 1823, and died in Ottumwa in 1891. The mother's birth occurred in Beverly, Ohio, March 20, 1827, and she passed away in Ottumwa, February 10, 1911, when she was almost eighty-four years of age. She was reared in the Buckeye state, but in early womanhood joined a brother in Keosauqua, Iowa, and there engaged in teaching school. She taught in the academy at Troy, Iowa, and was married there to O. D. Tisdale, who was also a teacher. He had followed his profession in Tennessee and afterward came to Iowa. For a time he was proprietor of a store at Troy, but removed to Bloomfield, where he conducted a store through the period of the Civil war. Soon after the close of hostilities between the north and the south he came to Ottumwa, where he opened a general store, but afterward disposed of all lines save dry goods. At a later period he was proprietor of a hotel and was regarded as one of the most energetic and enterprising business men of the city. At different times he was called to public office, serving as mayor of Ottumwa and also as representative of Davis county in the state legisla-

ture. He was likewise a member of the board of supervisors of Wapello county. He voted the democratic ticket and throughout the greater part of his life took an active interest in politics, recognizing fully the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship. Fraternally he was connected with the Masons. In his family were nine children: W. D., who is engaged in the practice of law in Ottumwa; E. G., also of this city; Frederick A.; O. D., who is a lumberman of Ottumwa; Harriet B. of Ottumwa; Grace S., the wife of S. G. Pierson, of Denver, Colorado; and three who died in infancy.

Frederick A. Tisdale has been continuously a resident of Ottumwa since 1867. He is a graduate of the high school and for one year was a student in the Ames Agricultural College. For two winter seasons he engaged in teaching in rural schools of this county and then turned his attention to commercial pursuits, being for eight years connected with the firm of Silberman Brothers, dealers in hides and wool. He then embarked in the lumber business, with which he was associated for twenty years, becoming a member of the firm of Kirk & Tisdale, with which he continued for four years. He was afterward Senior partner of the firm of F. A. Tisdale & Company for three years and was later alone for thirteen years. He has now been out of business for the past five years, having disposed of his lumberyard to his brother on the 1st of January, 1909. He had built up a good trade and his liberal and growing patronage brought to him an increasing annual income, so that in time he acquired a handsome competence that now enables him to put aside further business cares and yet enjoy the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

On the 31st of January, 1889, Mr. Tisdale was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle L. Coombs, who was born in Indiana in 1868, a daughter of W. A. and Mahala (Davis) Coombs, the former now deceased, while the latter is a resident of Ottumwa. Mr. and Mrs. Tisdale became parents of two daughters: Florence M., who was graduated from the University of Chicago in June, 1913, and is now at home; and Mildred, who died in February, 1909, in her seventeenth year. The parents hold membership in the Congregational church, in which Mr. Tisdale is serving as a trustee. His fraternal relations are with the Masons and his social nature finds expression in his membership in the Wapello and Country Clubs. In politics he has been a stalwart republican since 1896. For nine years he has been a member of the board of education in Ottumwa and at the present writing

is serving as its president, the public schools finding in him a stalwart champion, looking ever to their interests and welfare. He stands at all times for material, intellectual, political, social and moral progress. He is not over zealous, nor is he indifferent to concerns of public policy, but in all things maintains an even balance and so directs his energies and efforts that desirable results are accomplished.

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### SAMUEL Q. McCARTY.

An excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres pays tribute to the care and cultivation of Samuel Q. McCarty. His home is on section 3, Dahlonga township, and in connection with the cultivation of his fields he is successfully engaged in stock-raising. He was born in Wapello county, Iowa, October 8, 1853, and is a son of John and Catherine (Anthony) McCarty, both of whom were natives of Franklin county, Pennsylvania. Removing westward to Ohio in early life, they were married in that state and in 1853 came to Iowa, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Wapello county. They settled upon a farm, whereon they remained until their life's labors were ended in death, and they were classed with the representative and highly respected agriculturists of the community. In their family were eleven children: Elmina, now the wife of A. Gleason, of Missouri; Samuel Q.; and nine who have passed away.

Samuel Q. McCarty was reared on the old homestead farm and remained with his parents until they were called to their final rest. He attended the common schools, dividing his time between his studies and the work of the fields. His practical training at farm labor well qualified him to take charge of the old home farm, which he did following the demise of his father. He has since cultivated this place and is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land, situated on section 3, Dahlonga township. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and his timely and practical methods of planting his crops give promise of abundant harvests in the autumn. He also raises good grades of stock and both features of his business are proving profitable.

On April 2, 1895, Mr. McCarty was united in marriage to Miss Mary Reissinger, a native of Germany, as were her



SAMUEL Q. MCCARTY AND FAMILY





parents, Valentine and Magdalene (Lowenburg) Reissinger. About 1883 they crossed the Atlantic to the new world, accompanied by their children, and established their home in Iowa. Later they removed to Montana, where their remaining days were passed. In their family were eight children, of whom six are living. Mr. and Mrs. McCarty have become parents of two children, but lost their daughter, who was the first-born, Doris V., who was born January 8, 1897, and died in 1904. The son, John H., born February 13, 1899, is now ready to enter high school. Mr. and Mrs. McCarty have adopted a little daughter, Helen M., who was born March 8, 1907, and who has taken the family name.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarty attend the Methodist Episcopal church, and in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the fraternal organizations with which he is connected. He holds membership with the Woodmen of the World and also with the Odd Fellows lodge at Highland Center. His political indorsement is given at the polls to the republican party, but he has never sought nor desired political office. He is interested in affairs relating to the upbuilding of the community, however, and for ten years he has served as school treasurer, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. More than sixty years have come and gone since the McCarty family was established in this county. The same year the birth of Samuel Q. McCarty occurred, so that he has long been a witness of the changes wrought here by time and man. He has lived to see the pioneer homes replaced by commodious and substantial farm residences, has seen the building of churches and schools throughout the county, indicating the moral and intellectual progress of the community, and has witnessed the establishment of all kinds of business. His own life work has been a prominent feature in agricultural development here, and his success may be all attributed to his own efforts.

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### JOHN WORMHOUDT.

John Wormhoudt is sole owner and manager of the Wormhoudt Lumber Company and president of the Ottumwa Supply Construction Company, which connections indicate his prominence in business circles. He possesses an initiative spirit and

does not have to wait for others to mark out the path which he wishes to tread. In fact, he has been a leader in the communities in which he has lived, and his enterprise and determination have carried him into important commercial relations.

Iowa numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred at Pella in 1869. His parents, H. and Anna Wormhoudt, were natives of Holland, the latter belonging to one of the first Dutch families to settle in Iowa, arriving at about the time it was admitted into the Union. She was a daughter of G. H. Overkamp, and her parents journeyed by ox team from Keokuk to Pella. Her father was a cabinet-maker by trade and engaged in the manufacture of furniture. He belonged to the Dutch Reformed church, and it was a desire for religious freedom that led him to leave his native land and come to the new world. H. Wormhoudt arrived in Iowa about six weeks after his wife's family. He had crossed the Atlantic on a sailing vessel about 1847, and was married in Pella, Iowa, where he and his wife spent their remaining days. By trade he was a carpenter, but at one time owned and operated a sawmill on the Des Moines river. Business at that time was merely a trading proposition, no money being paid for labor. For some years the family lived in primitive style, but gradually as the country became more thickly settled and pioneer conditions gave way before the improvements and opportunities of advancing civilization he worked his way upward and won for himself a place among the substantial and representative business men of his community. At length he entered the lumber business in connection with T. F. Baldwin and prosperity attended their efforts. Mr. Wormhoudt remained actively in commercial connections until he reached the age of seventy-five years, when he retired, while his death occurred at the ripe old age of eighty-three years. His widow survives and makes her home in Pella. Mr. Wormhoudt was a man of deeply religious nature and his church recognized in him one of its most earnest workers and generous supporters. His entire career was ever honorable and upright and gained for him the highest regard of the entire community. In his family were seven sons and two daughters, Garrett, Johannah, Henry, Effie, Isaac, John, Edward, Andrew, deceased, and Dominicus.

John Wormhoudt spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Pella, there remaining until 1891, when he came to Ottumwa, where he entered the employ of S. L. McGavice as yard man-

ager of his lumber business. He occupied that position for two years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings and then bought out the business of Finley & Whipple on the south side. There he has since conducted a lumber business, which was carried on for a time under the firm style of Warden & Wormhoudt, but the latter is now alone. He conducts a retail lumber business, handling all kinds of building material, hardware, cement, etc., his yard being located at the corner of Division and Willard streets. Mr. Wormhoudt has made steady advancement since his father took him into the lumber business when he was sixteen years of age. The business arrangement was that the son should be paid ten dollars per month, out of which amount he was to pay four dollars per month board and five dollars per year to the church. Something of the enterprise and ambition of Mr. Wormhoudt is indicated in the fact that during the first year he saved twenty-one dollars. The highest wage he ever received up to the time that he came to Ottumwa was thirty dollars per month. He was married at twenty-two years of age and had seven hundred dollars in the bank. One of the secrets of his success is that he has concentrated his efforts along a single line, never dissipating his energies over a broad field. He is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the lumber business, and his energy and persistency of purpose have enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path. He is also now a director in the South Ottumwa Savings Bank, is a director of the L. T. Cristman Planing Company and a director of the North Empire Timber Company.

In 1892 Mr. Wormhoudt was united in marriage to Miss Ina C. Kelley, who was born in Peoria, Iowa, in 1869, a daughter of E. S. Kelley, an early settler of this state, who built one of the first macadamized roads in this section of Iowa. Mrs. Wormhoudt was one of a family of thirteen children, who were carefully reared, and by her marriage she has become the mother of a son and two daughters. The eldest, Henry, completed the high-school course at Ottumwa, spent two years as a student at Ames and is now associated with his father in the lumber business. Bertha Cleo, also a high-school graduate of Ottumwa, is now attending college at Ames. Anna Lucile, the youngest, is a pupil in the Ward school.

In addition to the family residence at No. 402 Chester avenue Mr. Wormhoudt owns a farm of one hundred and



ninety-five acres west of the city and greatly enjoys superintending the place and watching its development. He is a public-spirited citizen and assists every project and movement for the upbuilding of the city. He belongs to the Willard Street Methodist Episcopal church and for eighteen years has been a member of the board of trustees. He is also a member of the Independent order of Odd Fellows and of the Country Club and in all of the organizations of which he is a member he has taken a helpful interest. He was one of four who laid out the Jefferson Park addition of South Ottumwa and at all times his activities have been of a character which has contributed to public progress and improvement as well as to individual success. He is a large, fine-looking man, standing six feet, three inches in height, and it is said of him that he is as good natured as he is tall. All who know him entertain for him a feeling of friendly regard. He easily wins the confidence and good-will of his fellow men because of his genuine worth and his unfeigned cordiality. There will be no dissenting voice to the opinion that he is one of the most prominent and representative residents of his city.

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### DONALD McELDERRY.

Donald McElderry has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Agency since August, 1908, and has won enviable recognition as one of the able representatives of the medical profession here. His birth occurred in Fairfield, Jefferson county, Iowa, on the 28th of February, 1874, his parents being John R. and Isabelle (Frush) McElderry, both of whom are natives of Ohio. They came to Iowa in 1857 and took up their abode on a farm near Fairfield. John R. McElderry responded to the first call for volunteers at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, joining Company E, Second Iowa Infantry, with which command he participated in most of the important engagements of the conflict. He was mustered out in 1865 and returned home with a most creditable military record. Unto him and his wife were born nine children, eight of whom survive.

Donald McElderry supplemented his early education, obtained in the common schools, by a college course. Subse-

quently he entered the medical department of the State University of Iowa, from which institution he was graduated in 1908. In August of that year he opened an office at Agency, where he has remained to the present time, having built up an extensive and lucrative practice. He has an attractive office and also a handsome residence in Agency.

On the 28th of November, 1907, Mr. McElderry was united in marriage to Miss Sadie McMillin, a native of Wapello county and a daughter of Frank and Deborah (Hendrickson) McMillin. The father still resides on a farm in this county, but the mother has passed away. Mrs. McElderry, who was one of a family of four children, prepared for the calling of a trained nurse in Ottumwa. She has had two children, namely: Donald, who died in infancy; and Frank R., who was born on the 8th of November, 1909.

Mr. McElderry is a republican in politics and is identified fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 4 at Fairfield. He is a member of the County, State and American Medical Associations, also of the Des Moines Valley and the Southeastern Iowa Medical Associations. He finds that membership in these professional societies contributes much to his knowledge of present tendencies in the science and practice of medicine. Both he and his wife attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church. In both professional and social circles of his community Mr. McElderry is popular, enjoying the esteem and friendship of all who know him.

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### GEORGE T. REEVES.

George T. Reeves, who owns a well equipped garage in Ottumwa, has here been engaged in business as an automobile dealer for the past four years and also conducts a repair shop. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Wapello county, his birth having here occurred on the 20th of October, 1880. His father, Theodore Reeves, was a native of Indiana, born in 1848. The paternal grandfather of our subject came to this state from Indiana, taking up his abode among the earliest residents of Wapello county. The farm on which he settled is still in possession of the Reeves family. Theodore Reeves

continued on the place until his demise, devoting his time and energies to agricultural pursuits with excellent success. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Eliza Cline and is a native of Kansas, now makes her home with her son George. She is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist church and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance in the community which has so long been her home. Her children are four in number, as follows: Wesley and Charles, both of whom are residents of Ottumwa; Frank, living in Kirksville, Missouri; and George T., of this review.

The last named was reared on the home farm and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education, but since attaining his majority has spent most of the time in Ottumwa. On the 20th of August, 1910, he began business in the garage which he had erected at No. 207 West Second street and has since been accorded an enviable patronage as a dealer in Hudson, Paige and Overland cars, selling a large number of machines annually. He likewise conducts a repair shop and furnishes employment to four men.

On the 24th of December, 1901, Mr. Reeves was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Harter, a native of Mahaska county, Iowa, and a daughter of A. F. and Lizzie (Cassle) Harter. The father still resides on the home farm, but the mother is deceased. Mr. Reeves is a republican in his political views, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. He has won many friends in the community where his entire life has been spent and enjoys an enviable reputation as a young business man of enterprise and ability.

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### J. B. MCCARROLL.

J. B. McCarroll is sole owner of a hardware, stove, tinware and sporting goods business, conducted under the name of McCarroll Brothers, and Ottumwa classes him with her representative merchants. He early recognized the eternal principle that industry wins, and industry became the beacon light of his life, guiding him to the present goal of successful endeavor.

He was born at Leesville, Ohio, October 29, 1859, a son of W. F. and Mary M. (Millisack) McCarroll, who were also natives of the Buckeye state. About 1865 they removed west-

ward, settling at Kirkville, Iowa, where they resided until 1871, when they came to Ottumwa, where the death of the father occurred twenty years later, on the 24th of December, 1891, when he was sixty-eight years of age. His widow survived for about eight years and passed away in 1899 also at the age of sixty-eight. In early life the father followed farming, continuing in that occupation until he came to Ottumwa, when he entered the stove business under the firm style of W. F. McCarroll & Son, the junior partner being his son, C. T. McCarroll. He remained actively in the business until his death and from a comparatively small beginning developed it into an extensive wholesale and jobbing business. He also conducted a retail department, and his patronage was a liberal one, for his business methods and his enterprise commended him to the confidence and support of the public. At one time he was alderman of Ottumwa from the fourth ward, being elected to the office as the candidate of the republican party, of which he was a stalwart advocate. He made for himself a prominent place in public regard not only by reason of his success in business but also owing to his devotion to the general welfare and his co-operation in many movements looking to the public good. To him and his wife were born five children: Phoebe, the wife of P. C. Bidderson of Ottumwa; J. B.; Laura, the wife of E. L. Kilby of Ottumwa; W. F., deceased; and C. T.

J. B. McCarroll, whose name introduces this review, pursued a public-school education in Ohio and Iowa and on the 20th of June, 1876, when a young man of about seventeen years, began learning the tinner's trade. He was associated with his father in the management of the business until after the father's death, when J. B. McCarroll and his brother, C. T., succeeded to the business and conducted it until 1898. They then sold out to the firm of Harper & McIntire. J. B. McCarroll then spent a year in settling up the accounts of the old firm. At that time his brother-in-law, P. C. Bidderson, was conducting the hardware business now owned by our subject, and when the accounts of the old firm had been settled up Mr. McCarroll took the management of the business, and his brother, W. F. McCarroll, became his partner. This relation was maintained until 1909, when, following the death of his brother, J. B. McCarroll purchased the widow's interest and has since conducted the business alone, although retaining the old firm name of McCarroll Brothers. He has been continuously connected with the hardware



trade in Ottumwa for thirty-eight years and is today one of the leading merchants of the city. He carries a large and well selected line of hardware, stoves, tinware and sporting goods, and his patronage is extensive. He always endeavors to please his customers, and his promptness and reliability are features in his growing success.

In 1899 Mr. McCarroll was united in marriage to Miss Ida B. Amos, of Lima, Ohio, and to them were born three children, Ida Blanche and two who died in infancy. Mr. McCarroll is an active member of the Masonic fraternity and is now a past master of Ottumwa Lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M.; and a past commander of Malta Commandery, No. 31, K. T. He is likewise a charter member of the Elks lodge of his city, and he belongs to the Wapello and the Country Clubs. His religious faith is that of the spiritualist sect, with which his parents and grandparents were also connected. In politics he is a republican and the family were strong abolitionists in ante bellum days. Thus it was that the son was given the name of John Brown McCarroll. For forty-three years a resident of Wapello county, he is widely known and the many sterling traits of his character have gained him the favorable regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact through business or social relations.

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### REV. URIAH B. SMITH.

Rev. Uriah B. Smith, founder, promoter and superintendent of the American Home Finding Association of Ottumwa, was born March 13, 1840, in the mountains of Pennsylvania. He says that in school he was generally at one end of his class and remembers that once that end was the head. His parents with their large family removed to Illinois in 1851. When the boy Uriah was eleven years of age, an old Dunkard, who had a contract for carrying the United States mail overland a distance of ninety-five miles, and whose wife was taken suddenly ill, went to Daniel Smith to ask if his boy could go with the mail in his stead. Consent was given. It was midwinter. The boy started on an old horse that knew the way, the mail sack thrown across the saddle. The first day he fell behind, the cold chafed his legs, which rubbed against the saddle skirts until they bled. People along the route were indignant that the man Kerr should



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have sent such a little boy in his stead in such weather. The next day he crossed fifteen miles of prairie, on which was not a house, and secured his dinner two hours after the regular meal-time, the roads being too rough to travel fast with a fourteen year old horse. At dark the second evening he was still fourteen miles from the end of his journey. A good farmer came to his relief and gave him a ride, so that he arrived at his destination at 10 P. M. At daylight he started on the return trip. When within eight miles of home the second day the poor old horse gave out and lay down in the road. It was very dark. The boy could find nothing wrong so whipped the horse and started on. At length he saw a light at a farm house ahead, and there remained until morning. He arrived at the postoffice seventeen hours late and found a crowd of angry men waiting to see if the boy would show up or be found on the way frozen to death, in which case threats of lynching had been made for the man whose place he was filling.

Some time afterward Uriah B. Smith with his brother David was employed for two years by a liberal-minded farmer. Later his father took a contract to furnish the rock for culverts on a railroad ten miles out of Galesburg, and the boy was one of the teamsters employed in filling the contract. Late in the fall of that year, 1854, the family removed to Iowa save the older brother, David, who became overseer on the farm where the brothers had previously been employed for two years. He followed the family to Iowa the following spring and is well known in Ottumwa, being the Rev. D. C. Smith, now seventy-six years of age. He was a member of the Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal church for forty-nine years and was twice presiding elder. The next important event in the life of U. B. Smith was his conversion together with that of thirteen other boys and young men, five of whom afterward became ministers of the gospel. It will be remembered that a great revival swept over the country as though the Creator was preparing his people for the awful conflict which was soon to follow. About that time Henry Ward Beecher sold by auction the beautiful white slave girl with negro blood in her veins to three thousand of his hearers in Plymouth church at Brooklyn, New York, in his desperation to show up slavery. Men needed much religion to maintain civility toward each other. The big giant, Lincoln, and the little giant, Douglas, in the middle west were arguing hotly the issues of the day with the intensity of the two natures.



Their subjects were pointed and the discussions oftentimes waxed hot. Then followed the four-cornered election for president. It seemed that Providence had chosen its instrument in the rail-splitter of Illinois. Then came secession and the clash of swords, war cries, and the sound of fife and drum. Who would go? Two from the township responded; then six, and U. B. Smith was one of the six. By a sacred agreement he was to become the husband of Miss Harriet Newell Riley three weeks later, but they hastened the wedding and were married that evening, August 13, 1861. After taking his oath as a soldier and in the presence of five comrades, Mr. Smith spoke the marriage vows and entered into a sacred bond that has remained for fifty-three years.

When disability forced his return from the front, Mr. Smith was elected captain of militia. For three days he held orders from Governor Kirkwood to be ready on call to march to South English, where Tallyrand had been shot while making a war speech, as it seemed, against the public good. It is to be hoped that Christian light and the treaties of ten great nations for arbitration will soon make war impossible. There always will be conflicts, however, and Mr. Smith did not escape. The next difficult one which he had to settle individually was that of preaching the gospel. After seven years he took a pastorate at Springfield, Iowa, and continued preaching for thirty years, during which time he served churches in the following places: Peoria, Bellefontaine, New Sharon, Pella, Marengo, Wilton, Oxford, Burlington (Grace church), Danville, Letts, West Liberty, Fort Madison (First church) and Williamsburg. The subject of this sketch was one of four hundred appointed from Iowa to the World's Conference of Religions which met in Chicago in 1893 as a part of the world's great fair.

In 1895 he gave up his pastorate and engaged in child-saving work with the Iowa Children's Home Society. In the first year he was advanced to the position of assistant superintendent and so continued until 1899, when he organized the American Home Finding Association. He also served as assistant general superintendent of the National Association, with headquarters in Chicago, and he was also a member of its board of general managers. Later he became its general superintendent. At the same time he continues to fill the position of state superintendent of the Iowa organization, refusing always to give up the work here where his interests have so long been centered. After filling

both places for four and a half months he yielded up the greater for the lesser and still remains at the head of the Iowa organization. He is yet a member of the Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and has the honor of being the senior member with the record of answering roll call for forty-seven years without a break.

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### CHARLES CHILTON.

Charles Chilton, conducting a general contracting business at Ottumwa, is a well known representative of industrial activity, and his intense and intelligently directed efforts are bringing to him substantial and gratifying success. He was born in Ottumwa, May 1, 1865, a son of Jacob and Sarah (Williams) Chilton, who were natives of Monmouthshire, England, the former born July 17, 1832, and the latter on the 1st of December, 1831. They were married in that country and in 1854 sailed for the United States, taking up their abode in Pennsylvania. In 1857 they arrived in Ottumwa and continued their residence here until death called them, the mother passing away December 8, 1900, and the father on the 29th of October, 1906. He was a miner in both England and Pennsylvania and for a short time followed that pursuit in Iowa, but afterward turned his attention to contracting and building, in which he engaged until his retirement. In the family were eight children: Joseph, now living in Ottumwa; Solomon, deceased; Albert, of Memphis, Tennessee; Fannie M., the wife of D. B. Johnson of Ottumwa; Charles; George, living in Ottumwa; Mrs. Clara C. Bonwill, deceased; and Mrs. Mary C. McDonald, who has also passed away. Three of the children were born in Pennsylvania and five in Iowa.

Charles Chilton has been a lifelong resident of Ottumwa. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges, and when seventeen years of age he began assisting his father in the contracting business. His work has been largely in quarrying and sewer building and grading. Important contracts have been awarded him, and his interests have made his life a most busy and useful one. He has had few leisure hours and energy and determination may well be numbered among his chief characteristics.

He has continuously resided in Ottumwa save for the brief period of three years, from 1887 until 1890, spent in California.

On the 14th of March, 1909, Mr. Chilton was married to Miss Mary E. Eckers, a native of this city and a daughter of Nicholas and Anna Eckers. Mr. Chilton belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Royal Arcanum and also has membership in the Country Club. His friends in these organizations are many, and he also has the confidence and goodwill of those with whom he has been brought in contact through business relations.

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### WILLIAM REEVE.

William Reeve, who devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Wapello county throughout his active business career, has lived in honorable retirement at Agency for the past four years, enjoying the evening of life in well earned ease. His birth occurred in Ohio on the 5th of November, 1836, his parents being William and Susan (Murphy) Reeve, the former a native of New York, born in 1797, and the latter of Virginia. During his youth William Reeve learned the trade of a cooper. In 1851 he brought his family to Wapello county, Iowa, and on March 22 of that year purchased a farm in Agency township, where both he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They became the parents of ten children, as follows: Sarah, James A., Mary A., Lydia and Lucretia J., all of whom have passed away; William, of this review; Joseph, Susanah and Caroline, who are deceased; and Minerva J., who is the wife of James H. Jay of this county.

William Reeve, Jr., attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained on the home farm until he had attained the age of twenty-two years. Subsequently he cultivated a tract of rented land until 1862, when he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company E, Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, on the 7th of August of that year. He participated in the battles of Champion's Hill and Black River Bridge, the siege of Vicksburg and the engagement at Jackson, Mississippi. He was wounded while on a steamboat on the Mississippi, being on their way to Millikin Bend. He was afterward detailed teamster until the cessation of hostilities and

received his honorable discharge at Savannah, Georgia, in August, 1865. Returning to Wapello county he settled on a tract of seventy acres on section 19, Agency township, where he successfully carried on general farming and stockraising throughout the remainder of his active business career. In 1910 he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in the town of Agency, where he has lived retired to the present time.

On the 5th of January, 1859, Mr. Reeve was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ann Magee, who was born in Ohio, April 14, 1838, her parents being Ephraim and Rebecca (Ward) Magee, likewise natives of the Buckeye state. They came to this county in 1850 and here spent the remainder of their lives. In their family were six children. Mr. and Mrs. Reeve have no children of their own but adopted three, as follows: Joseph C., who is a son of William G. Smith and is now a resident of Missouri; Cora E., a daughter of William G. Smith, who gave her hand in marriage to Axtel Nelson, of Osceola, Iowa; and Frank, now living in Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Reeve gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for a number of years served as a school director in Agency township. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily lives. Mr. Reeve still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades as a member of Agency Post, No. 107, G. A. R. The period of his residence in Wapello county covers more than six decades, and he has long been numbered among its substantial and representative citizens. He has now passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey and enjoys the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

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### SAMUEL KENDALL.

Samuel Kendall is one of the old-time residents of Ottumwa, where he has made his home for sixty years. He arrived here when the city was a little village and gave little promise of becoming one of the chief commercial and industrial centers of Iowa. For a considerable period he was identified with its



building operations, but for the past twenty years has lived retired, enjoying well earned rest in the evening of life, for he has now reached the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey. He was born in Northamptonshire, England, March 7, 1827, and is a son of John and Hannah Kendall, who spent their entire lives in the mother country, where John Kendall engaged in business as a bricklayer and mason. In the family were eight daughters and two sons, but Samuel and his sister, Mrs. Charlotte Wilford, of Lorain county, Ohio, are the only ones now living.

Samuel Kendall spent the first twenty-three years of his life in the land of his nativity and in 1850 came to the new world with three other Englishmen. Making his way to Lorain county, Ohio, he was there employed for four years, working in the quarries. He had learned the trade of stonemason and mason under the direction of his father before leaving his native country. In 1854 he arrived in Ottumwa, where he has since made his home, covering a period of six decades. Here he worked at his trade and did contract work, continuing in that field of activity throughout the entire period of his active business life. He has been connected with the construction of some of the most important buildings of the city, but during the past twenty years he has lived retired—a rest to which his well directed activity in former years justly entitles him.

In 1858 Mr. Kendall was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Harper, who was born in Ontario, Canada, July 14, 1837. When she was eighteen years of age she was brought to the United States by her parents, George and Elizabeth (Robinson) Harper, who were natives of Ireland. In that country they were reared but were married in Canada, and both died in Ottumwa. Her father was a farmer by occupation and thus provided for the support of his family, which included seven daughters and one son. To Mr. and Mrs. Kendall were born ten children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: Anna, now the deceased wife of Frank McIntyre; Fred, who died at the age of thirty-seven years; Louis, of Council Bluffs; George, who died at the age of twenty-seven years; Mary, the wife of John Cotton of Ottumwa; Laura, the wife of B. P. Brown of Ottumwa; Samuel F., who is living in Galesburg, Illinois; and John Clark, a resident of Chicago.

Mr. Kendall is a Master Mason and has always been loyal to the teachings of the craft, exemplifying in his life the benefi-

cent spirit of the organization, which is based upon mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. He is today one of the venerable citizens of Ottumwa, and few have for a longer period been witnesses of its growth and upbuilding or taken a keener delight in what has been accomplished along the lines of progress and improvement.

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### JOHN W. YEAGER.

John W. Yeager, the proprietor of a general store at Agency, has gained recognition among the successful and representative merchants of Wapello county, in which his entire life has been spent. His birth occurred in Pleasant township on the 27th of August, 1879, his parents being Alford and Martha (McDowell) Yeager, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Iowa. Alford Yeager was brought to Wapello county when but six years of age and has since remained within its borders. Both he and his wife still reside on the old homestead farm in Pleasant township and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. They are the parents of six children, as follows: John W., of this review; M. U., who is at home; Mary S., who gave her hand in marriage to Alford Reynolds of Agency; Minnie M., the wife of Carl Wymore, of Ottumwa, Iowa; and Lana and Hazel, both at home.

John W. Yeager enjoyed the advantages of a high-school education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account and was actively engaged in the work of the fields until 1910, when he embarked in the mercantile business at Bladensburg. A year later he came to Agency, where he has conducted a general store to the present time and is accorded a liberal patronage, for he carries an extensive and well selected stock of goods at reasonable prices and in his business dealings is known for his straightforward and reliable methods.

On the 1st of January, 1901, Mr. Yeager was united in marriage to Miss Elvey McCaw, a native of Wapello county and a daughter of John and Mary (House) McCaw, the latter born in Iowa. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children, namely: Lula B., who is deceased; Donald W.; and Dorothy B. Mr. Yeager gives his political allegiance to the

republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs. They have spent their entire lives in Wapello county and have many friends here who recognize them as people of genuine personal worth and estimable character.

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### G. WILLIAM DEUSER.

G. William Deuser is the owner of three hundred and twenty-seven acres of valuable farm land, all in Competine township, and in connection with general farming he makes a specialty of stock-raising. He was born September 25, 1864, upon the farm which is still his place of residence, his parents being P. C. and Katharine (Wolf) Deuser, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America in 1849, the mother first going to Burlington, Iowa. The father first settled in Indiana, whence he came to Iowa, where his father bought a section of land which he afterward divided among his six children. Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Deuser were married in Burlington, and he later purchased the old homestead farm upon which his son G. William now resides. With characteristic energy he began its development and improvement and continued to carry on general farming there until his death, which occurred in December, 1905. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in February, 1877. They had a family of eight children: G. William; Christian; J. T., living in Davenport, Iowa; Mary E., the wife of Carl Miller, of Competine township; and four who died in infancy.

The youthful days of G. William Deuser were spent upon the old homestead, and he was thoroughly trained in farm work, while in the public schools he pursued his education. On attaining his majority he purchased the old home property and has always occupied it. His labors, however, have wrought changes in its appearance. He has erected a fine brick residence and has added other modern equipments, which have increased the value of the place and rendered it more attractive. He has also become owner of other property, making purchases from time to time until he now has three hundred and twenty-seven acres of fine land, all in Competine township. He has become well







G. WILLIAM DEUSER AND FAMILY



OLD DEUSER HOME  
Built by P. C. Deuser in 1851



RESIDENCE OF G. WILLIAM DEUSER  
Erected in 1904



known as a stock-raiser and handles good grades of horses, cattle and hogs, and this branch of his business is proving profitable.

On September 9, 1896, Mr. Deuser was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Ammenhauser, who was born in this county and is a daughter of Gerhardt and Elizabeth (Shaub) Ammenhauser, both of whom were natives of Germany. They crossed the Atlantic to the new world in the early '50s and made their way to Ohio, where they resided for a short time, after which they came to Wapello county, settling in Ottumwa, where their remaining days were passed. The father died August 10, 1878, and the mother's death occurred on the 25th of October, 1892. They had a family of eight children, of whom four are now living: Otto, a resident of Nebraska; Catherine; Ida, who is the widow of Jacob Flemming, of Ottumwa; and Gerhardt A., also of Ottumwa. Mr. and Mrs. Deuser have become the parents of two children: Ruth, who was born July 16, 1897, and is now a high-school student in Ottumwa; and one who died in infancy. The parents are members of the German Lutheran church, and their loyalty to its teachings has developed in them sterling traits of character which have placed them high in public regard.

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### FRANK FIEDLER.

Frank Fiedler left the impress of his individuality upon Ottumwa in many ways, not alone by reason of his business activity but also owing to his stalwart support of important public measures. He came to Wapello county in pioneer times and during the years that passed ere death called him he won and retained the friendship of many, so that his demise was deeply regretted. He was born in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1837, his parents being Isaiah and Leah (Zehner) Fiedler, the former a native of Pine Grove and the latter of Mahoning, Pennsylvania. The Fiedlers were an old Pennsylvania family, of German origin, founded in America in colonial days, when settlement was made at Germantown, Pennsylvania. Representatives of the name participated actively in the Revolutionary war. The parents of Frank Fiedler came to Iowa about 1856, settling at Agency, and there made their home throughout their remaining days. The father was a contractor and worked at railroad construction, building a number of railway lines in



Pennsylvania. After removing to Iowa he concentrated his energies upon contracting and building and here passed away in August, 1881. In the family were three sons and two daughters: Frank; William, now of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Sarah Light, of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Emma Berry, who died in Salem, Oregon; and Henry, also of that state.

Frank Fiedler spent his youthful days in Pennsylvania and was there married, March 11, 1858, to Miss Frances Hunluck Fowler. They began their domestic life in the Keystone state, but in 1861 removed westward, establishing their home in Agency, Iowa. Later they became residents of Ottumwa, where Frank Fiedler continued to reside until his death, on the 28th of November, 1910. He was an architect and builder and many substantial structures of the city bear evidence of his handiwork, indicating his skill both in planning and construction. For twelve years he was superintendent of the waterworks at Ottumwa, occupying that position from 1881 until 1893, and during that period his advice was frequently sought as a consulting engineer, especially in solving problems encountered in the damming of the river. During that period he also acted as construction engineer in connection with work carried on elsewhere. In that capacity he spent some time at Richmond, Indiana, Auburn, New York, Athol, Massachusetts, Appleton, Wisconsin, Omaha, Nebraska, and Adrian, Michigan. During the latter part of his life he confined his attention to the profession of architecture. He possessed notable mechanical ability and thoroughly understood the scientific principles which underlay his work in all of its ramifications. During the war he spent some time in the south, having regularly enlisted, both he and his father being engaged in construction work in connection with the operations of the army.

His wife, Mrs. Frances H. Fiedler, was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1836, and died in Ottumwa, October 16, 1902. She was a quiet home woman, a loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was most devoted to her family. Her parents were Daniel and Charita (Abbott) Fowler, natives of Pennsylvania, and her paternal grandfather was a native of England. Mrs. Fowler was a daughter of Jacob Abbott, of Sussex county, New Jersey, who served as one of the minutemen in the Revolutionary war. To Mr. and Mrs. Fiedler were born five children. Emma, now principal of the Adams school of Ottumwa, was born in Espy, Pennsylvania,

was educated in the schools of Ottumwa and was graduated from the high school in 1877. She took up the profession of teaching in 1883 and has since followed it in connection with the city schools, being advanced to the position of principal in 1892. She has done much to further the interests of education here, always upholding the highest standards. She belongs to the Teachers Club of Ottumwa, to the Iowa chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, to the Tourist Club, the P. E. O. and is an Episcopalian in religious faith. She has had marked influence on the intellectual and moral progress of the community and no one in Ottumwa is held in higher regard. William, the second member of the family, is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Ida M., a native of Ottumwa, died February 2, 1907. Alice, principal of the Hedrick school of Ottumwa, belongs to the same societies as her sister. Frederick Herbert is a traveling salesman of Ottumwa. The daughters are also members of the Ottumwa Country Club.

Mr. Fiedler was a director of the Coal Palace of Ottumwa. His political support was given to the republican party and he represented his ward in the city council. He also belonged to the volunteer fire department in an early day, and his fraternal relations were with the Masons. He always read extensively and from his reading as well as from the experiences of life he learned many valuable lessons. His integrity of character, his upright methods in business, his energy and his high ideals all combined to make him one of the most honored and valued residents of Ottumwa.

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### SAMUEL KITTERMAN.

Deeds of valor have been the theme of song and story throughout the ages. The world instinctively pays deference to the man who is willing to risk his life for the principles in which he believes. Among the veterans of the Civil war now living in Ottumwa is Samuel Kitterman, who was a lad of but fifteen years when he offered his services to the government, and on various hotly contested battle fields he gave evidence of his loyal support to the stars and stripes. In days of peace he made farming his life work until a recent date, when he retired from business, and is now enjoying well earned rest.

Mr. Kitterman was born December 31, 1845, in Bureau county, Illinois, while his parents were en route to Iowa from Perry county, Indiana. In June, 1846, they arrived in Wapello county and Samuel Kitterman has since made his home within its borders. His father, Henry Kitterman, was a native of Virginia and a son of Peter Kitterman, a native of Germany. He in turn was a son of Justice Kitterman. It was the grandfather of our subject who became the founder of the family in the new world. When a young man he crossed the Atlantic to the United States with his two brothers, but later returned to Germany and had to serve his time in the army. He then came again to the United States and did military duty as a defender of American interests in the War of 1812. He died in Floyd county, Virginia, in 1824, having for thirty-four years been a resident of the new world, the date of his arrival in the United States being 1790. He married a lady who was a relative, and they became the parents of five sons and two daughters. Henry Kitterman, born in Virginia, removed westward to Indiana in pioneer times and in that state was married to Abigail Inlaw, who was born in Indiana. By a former marriage he had three children, while ten were born to his second union. His wives were sisters, the elder being Betsy Inlaw. Following her demise he wedded Abigail Inlaw, who passed away in Wapello county in 1876. Henry Kitterman went to Kansas, where he died about 1871. He was not only an enterprising farmer, but was also a good mechanic, displaying skill especially in working in wood or leather. He made everything which he needed in the line of wood and iron implements and his ingenuity was of great worth in the pioneer districts where settlers had to depend largely upon their own resources for all the comforts and conveniences they had. Of the children of Henry Kitterman eight sons and three daughters are now living. Philip T., a resident of Tracy, Iowa, and Mary Jane, the wife of Joseph West of Winlock, Washington, were born of the first marriage. Another son of the first marriage, Middleton, died in 1858 when a young man. The children of the second marriage were: Samuel; Henry, who died at the age of two years; James Henry, who served for more than two years as a member of Company F, Seventh Iowa Infantry in the Civil war and is now living in Elk county, Kansas; George W., who was also a member of Company F, Seventh Iowa Infantry, and now makes his home in Muskegon, Michigan; Christopher C., of Chicago; Lydia Ann, the wife

of Grant Clark of Creston; Elias, of Elk county, Kansas; Jerome B., a resident of Chillicothe, Iowa; Abraham Lincoln, of Geddes, South Dakota, and Hettie, living in Los Angeles, California.

Samuel Kitterman, brought to Wapello county in his infancy, was here reared upon the home farm. He listened to the talk of war before the outbreak of the rebellion and watched the progress of events following the opening of hostilities. At length his patriotic spirit could no longer be fettered by farm duties and on the 17th of December, 1861, he enlisted as a member of Company F, Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, or for three years and seven months, having veteranized at Pulaski, Tennessee. He enlisted when he was fifteen years of age, and while at the front he participated in the battles of Shiloh and Corinth, Mississippi, in many skirmishes and in the siege of Atlanta. On the 22d of July, 1864, he was in the engagement at Atlanta on that side of the army where McPherson fell at Lay's Ferry. In eighteen minutes there the command lost seventy-two men out of three hundred who had responded for duty. Mr. Kitterman was with Sherman all the way through to Raleigh, North Carolina, and then on to Washington, where he participated in the Grand Review, the most celebrated military pageant ever seen in the western hemisphere. Thousands of victorious Union soldiers marched through the streets of the capital and passed before the reviewing stand, where the president welcomed the returning Union forces. After the war Mr. Kitterman engaged in cradling wheat, and following his marriage, which occurred in 1868, he resided for one year in Monroe county upon a rented farm, but on the expiration of that period he returned to Wapello county and settled on Fremont Road, seven and a half miles north of the city. He there engaged in farming until 1908, and is still the owner of that tract of land of eighty acres, which he brought to a high state of development and improvement. He now makes his home with his son, S. A. Kitterman, in Ottumwa.

On the 20th of February, 1868, Mr. Kitterman was united in marriage to Miss Mary O. Wilson, who was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, in 1848, and on coming to the west settled first in Delaware county, Iowa. About the close of the war her parents removed with their family to Wapello county, and here Mrs. Kitterman passed away in December, 1907, her death being deeply regretted by all who knew her. Seven children were



born of that marriage: Jennie May, now the wife of Philip Martin of Ottumwa; John H., of Willamina, Oregon; George Grant, a resident of Ottumwa; Samuel Ansel, of this city; Mrs. Ola A. Young, of Ottumwa; Oren Alexander, of Niobrara, Nebraska; and Alta R., the wife of C. E. Abrams of Montana. All of the children were born on the home farm in Richland township.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Kitterman has given his political support to the republican party, and he has held the office of constable and justice of the peace. He has also been a school director in Richland township for nine years and believes that the schools should keep in touch with the progress of the times. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the subordinate lodge and encampment of Odd Fellows. A review of his life displays many sterling traits of character, not the least of which is his loyalty to his country and his loyalty to duty at all times. He has ever been faithful in friendship, and he enjoys the high regard of his fellowtownsmen, among whom he has now lived for almost three score years and ten.

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### CHRISTIAN KAISER.

Christian Kaiser, who departed this life February 28, 1906, was born at Crossen on the Oder in Germany, July 9, 1842, a son of George and Anna (Purtz) Kaiser, who were also natives of the same locality. In the year 1859 they left that country and with their family came to the United States, arriving at Agency, Iowa. On the 6th of July, 1866, they came to Ottumwa, where they remained until called to their final rest, the father dying July 22, 1889, when in his eighty-first year, while the mother passed away March 11, 1904, in her eighty-ninth year. The active life of George Kaiser was devoted to farming. In the family were four sons, Frederick, John, Christian and Adolph, but all are now deceased.

Christian Kaiser was a youth of seventeen years when the family left Germany and came to the United States. Thereafter he was a resident of Iowa, and from 1866 made his home continuously in Wapello county. He was reared upon a farm and early became familiar with the duties and labors falling to the lot of the agriculturist, but after attaining his majority he

removed to the city and was engaged in the brewing business with the firm of Hofmann & Kraner. Later he engaged in the mercantile business, but about twelve years prior to his death he retired from active life, giving his attention merely to the supervision of his investments. From time to time he had purchased real estate until his holdings were extensive and important, including considerable residence and business property in Ottumwa. By the acquirement of his realty he was able to leave his family in very comfortable financial circumstances.

On the 8th of December, 1871, Mr. Kaiser was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Louise Schultz, who is also a native of the locality in which occurred the birth of Mr. Kaiser, her natal day being June 28, 1844. She came alone to the new world in 1869. Four children were born of this marriage: Anna Elizabeth, now the wife of H. A. Coughlin, of Chariton, Iowa; Theodore A., who is in Chicago; Christopher J., a resident of Richmond, California, and Martha Louise, who is at home and looks after her mother's interests. She is very active in the work of the Episcopal church. Mr. Kaiser was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, but as there was no organization of that denomination in Ottumwa he attended and supported the Episcopal church. In the business world his success was attributable entirely to his own efforts, and while actively engaged in business he manifested close application and unremitting energy.

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### FREDERICK RUPE.

Frederick Rupe is now successfully engaged in the cultivation of sixty-seven acres of land in Keokuk township, his farm being numbered among the profitable agricultural establishments of his neighborhood. He was born in that township, November 16, 1880, and is a son of Addison and Myrtie (McNair) Rupe, both natives of Wapello county. Both are living in Wapello county. In their family were nine children, of whom seven are living.

Frederick Rupe was reared under the parental roof and attended the schools of the neighborhood, subsequently improving his knowledge by a college course. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age and then taught school for two years. At the end of that time he set himself up independently

as a farmer and now owns sixty-seven acres of fertile land in Keokuk township, to the operation of which he gives his sole attention. He is a young man of modern ideas who employs the latest methods in order to achieve the best results. His buildings are in good repair and he has installed modern machinery in order to facilitate the labor upon the place and to increase the yield.

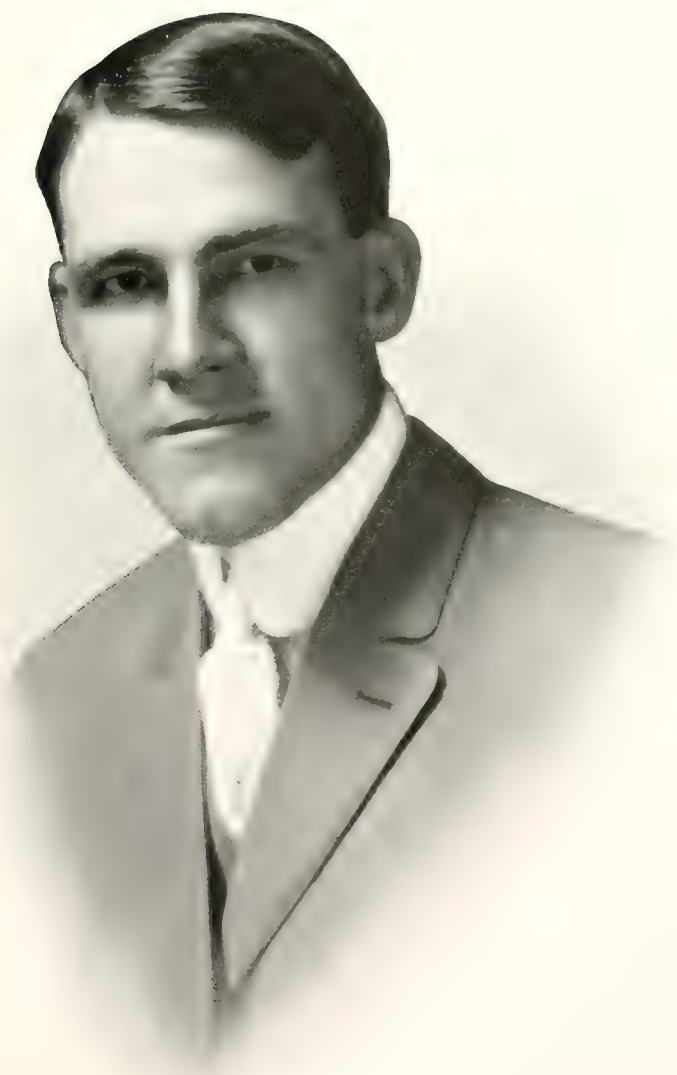
On the 20th of March, 1907, Mr. Rupe married Miss Hetty C. Streeby, a native of Iowa and a daughter of H. D. and Lillie (Patrick) Streeby, both now living in Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Rupe were the parents of three children: Claud L., deceased; Ferol L., and one who died in infancy. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, generously supporting the local institution. Politically he is a democrat, conversant with the principles and aims of his party, and at present serves as township trustee, being in his second term. He has always taken an interest in educational matters and has held a place on the district school board. There is much that is commendable in the career of Mr. Rupe, for he has achieved independence at a comparatively early age and entirely through his own efforts. He has many friends in Keokuk township, all of whom appreciate and esteem him for his high qualities of character.

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### HORACE A. BROWN.

Horace A. Brown, superintendent of the waterworks at Ottumwa and ranking high as a construction engineer, was born in Orono, Maine, January 22, 1884. His father, Arthur P. Brown, a native of Bradford, Maine, was born in 1857 and is now a lumber merchant of East Corinth, Maine. He wedded Myra A. Kennedy, who was born in Greenbush, Maine, in 1857, and they became the parents of five children: Amy F., who is now the wife of Albert J. Farrington, of Brewer, Maine; Ralph H., who is living in East Corinth; Horace A.; Edward T., who is associated with his father and brother Ralph in the lumber business at East Corinth; and Leah M., who is in school.

Horace A. Brown acquired his early education in the public schools of the Pine Tree state and afterward entered the University of Maine, from which he was graduated with the



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class of 1904. He then took up general engineering and became very proficient along his chosen line by reason of his thoroughness in workmanship and his broad study and investigation. In April, 1911, he came to Ottumwa to build the filter plant of the waterworks, being at that time in the employ of a New York firm. After the work was completed in December he returned to this city to take charge of the waterworks in the capacity of superintendent and has so continued his labors, giving thorough satisfaction. He has the designing of the new dams and the power house, which are to be built in the near future and which will be constructed under his direction. Gradually but steadily he has worked his way upward in the field of his chosen profession, and his ability has already won him an enviable place in the foremost ranks.

On the 29th of November, 1905, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Effie B. Cook, who was born in Waltham, Maine, a daughter of George W. and Eliza A. (Rankin) Cook, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Brown attend the Congregational church. In social circles they are well known, and fraternally Mr. Brown is connected with the Masons. He also belongs to the Wapello and Country Clubs. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which, capably directed, have brought him a substantial measure of success. He has made good use of his time and opportunities and, realizing at the outset that "there is no excellence without labor," he has won his success in the path of earnest, self-denying effort.

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### COLONEL JOHN FEEHEN.

Ottumwa has a number of retired citizens—men who have been active and enterprising in business and have thereby acquired a measure of success that now enables them to live retired. Such a one is John Feehen, who has passed the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten. He was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, on the 12th of May, 1844, and is a son of Thomas and Bridget (Welch) Feehen. In the year 1851 the family crossed the Atlantic to Quebec and in 1853 made their

way to Hamilton, Ontario. In 1855 they crossed the border into the United States, settling at Grand Rapids, Michigan, where the mother passed away about 1856. The following year the father came with his children to Iowa, establishing his home in Keokuk. His death occurred in 1875. Unto him and his wife were born two children, the elder being Mrs. Anna Chambers, who died in Ottumwa.

The younger, John Feehen, while residing in Keokuk, went to Quincy, Illinois, and there enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company E of the Fiftieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry on the 12th of September, 1861. He served until honorably discharged on the 22d of September, 1864, and during the three years spent at the front he participated in the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, the advance on Corinth, the second battle of Corinth on the 3d of October, 1862, the engagement at Town Creek, Alabama, Chattanooga, Resaca, Buzzard's Roost and Altoona Pass.

After the war Mr. Feehen went to New Mexico with the Third United States Cavalry in the capacity of teamster, spending the year 1866 there. In 1867-68 he rode the pony express from Fort Hays to Fort Dodge on the Indian reservation. In 1869 he came to Ottumwa, but afterward returned again to the plains and was employed on the construction of the Kansas Pacific Railroad. Later he again came to Ottumwa and was in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in 1872. The following year was spent in the service of the Iron Mountain Railroad Company, and in 1878-79 he was with the Texas Pacific.

In 1880 Mr. Feehen returned to Ottumwa and in 1882 was united in marriage to Miss Mary McCormick of Farmington, Iowa, who was born in Clark county, Missouri, in 1859. After his marriage Mr. Feehen conducted a restaurant and boarding house in Ottumwa and subsequently engaged in the saloon business, in which he continued until 1910, when he retired.

To Mr. and Mrs. Feehen have been born the following children: Anastasia, who is a graduate of the Ottumwa high school and is now teaching in the public schools in this city; Mary, the wife of William Sweeney of Red Lodge, Montana; Agnes, of Denver, Colorado; Margaret, who is engaged in clerking in Ottumwa; Kate, who is a graduate of the Ottumwa high school and a teacher in this city, and John, who for three and a half years was a high school pupil, but is now attending the Iowa

Success Business College. The daughter Mary was a teacher of music prior to her marriage and is also a high school graduate.

Mr. Feehen belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and is now senior vice commander of Cloutman Post, No. 69. He was also elected lieutenant colonel of the survivors of the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry of Quincy, Illinois. He served for three years, yet was never wounded nor ill and says that he never missed a fight or a foot-race among the boys. He was also for three years with the regular army in different capacities, but not as an enlisted soldier. He belongs to the Sacred Heart Catholic church and is a republican in politics where national issues are involved but at local elections casts an independent ballot.

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### E. E. MOORE.

E. E. Moore has been for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits in Highland township, Wapello county, where he owns a valuable farm comprising one hundred and nine acres. He was born in Clinton county, Michigan, December 17, 1849, and is a son of William and Lucy (Morton) Moore, natives of New York state. Deciding to profit by the opportunities of the middle west, in 1842 they went to Michigan, where William Moore bought a section of timber land which he partly improved, building thereon first a bark house and later a log cabin. He remained in that state until 1866, when he and his family removed to Wapello county, Iowa, locating on a farm in Highland township, where both he and his wife passed away. In their family were five children, of whom two are living: E. E., of this review; and Jennie, the wife of William Bushnell, now residing in the state of Washington.

E. E. Moore was reared on the Michigan farm and when eighteen years of age removed with his parents to this county, assisting his father in bringing his land under cultivation until he was twenty-one years of age. At that stage in his life he bought the homestead in Highland township upon which he is yet residing. Years of arduous and intelligent labor have brought him prosperity, and he is now numbered among the substantial agriculturists of his district, owning one hundred and nine acres in Highland township and also several valuable lots in Eldon and a handsome residence there. He is also a success-



ful breeder of Percheron horses. He has always followed modern methods and has set an example to others by his industry, his steadfastness of purpose, his far-sightedness and his judicious management.

In 1872 Mr. Moore married Miss Laura Spencer, who was born in Ohio and died in 1873. In 1876 he wedded Miss Ada Reynolds, a native of Michigan, and to this union four children were born: Clyde, of East St. Louis; Bessie, the wife of Fred Stevens of Des Moines; Charles, a contractor of Champaign, Illinois; and Paul, deceased. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which they give their moral and material support. Politically Mr. Moore is a republican, in sympathy with the purposes of his party and always upholding its candidates. He has held all of the township offices and has served as a member of the school board. Fraternally he belongs to Highland Lodge, No. 287, I. O. O. F., in which he has held several offices. He is popular with all who know him and has many friends in Highland township.

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### W. C. ARNOLD.

The home farm of W. C. Arnold is on section 27, Richland township, and is a well developed place, from which he annually gathers good harvests. It was in Richland township that he was born on the 19th of September, 1873, his parents being J. M. and Sarah C. (Snyder) Arnold. The father was born in Shelby county, Indiana, in 1848 and the mother was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, in 1854. J. M. Arnold was a lad of about seven years when, in 1855, he came to Wapello county with his parents, George W. and Mary A. (Carr) Arnold, who were natives of Indiana, at which time they settled upon the farm that is now the property of their grandson, W. C. Arnold. Upon this place they continued to reside until called to their final rest. The grandfather, who was born in 1821, passed away March 13, 1876. He made farming his life work, always following that occupation. His wife, who was born in 1823, died December 1, 1902. In their family were nine children: Mary E., J. C., David, J. M., Julia E., Thomas J., Ruth J., Frank W. and George W.

J. M. Arnold was largely reared upon the home farm in Wapello county and in 1872 was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Snyder, who in her early girlhood days was brought to Iowa by her parents, Captain Samuel and Martha Snyder. Her mother died in this county in 1889, and her father passed away in Kansas City about six years ago. He served as captain of a company of colored troops in the Civil war. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Arnold began their domestic life upon the home farm and year by year the place was cultivated with good success, while stock-raising also constituted a profitable feature of the business, Mr. Arnold owning and cultivating a quarter section of land. In 1893 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, whom he survived for about fourteen years, passing away October 1, 1907. Their children were as follows: W. C.; Rora, who was born in 1875 and died in 1885; Carl F., living in Minnesota; Alice B., the wife of Charles E. Turner of Idaho; and Bertha G., who is living with her eldest brother.

W. C. Arnold has spent his entire life in his native county and since completing his education in the public schools has concentrated his energies upon general farming and the raising and feeding of stock. He is the owner of one hundred and fifty-four acres, constituting a part of the homestead, which was purchased by his grandfather in 1855 and has since been in possession of the family. He and his father were extensively engaged in the stock business at one time and operated two farms together. In 1911 W. C. Arnold erected upon his place a modern, commodious and attractive residence containing nine rooms. The house is supplied with all twentieth century conveniences, is tastefully furnished and, moreover, is the abode of warm-hearted hospitality.

On the 16th of March, 1897, Mr. Arnold was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hawk, who was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1875, and when four years of age was brought to Wapello county by her parents, Edwin and Martha (Dorman) Hawk, who are residents of Center township. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have become parents of three children: Opal M., Grace C. and Frank M. Mr. Arnold is business manager of White Grange, No. 2070, and he belongs also to the Modern Woodmen of America. His political indorsement is given to the democratic party, but he has neither time nor inclination for public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his

farming and stock-raising interests, which have been wisely directed and have brought to him a very gratifying success, placing him among the substantial farmers of his part of the state.

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### LORENZO D. BAKER.

Lorenzo D. Baker, busily engaged in general agricultural pursuits, his farm being on sections 22, 26 and 27, Highland township, was born in Chautauqua county, New York, on the 1st of March, 1845, a son of S. P. and Jane (Wood) Baker, the former a native of New York and the latter of England. In girlhood days the mother came to the United States and was married in Chautauqua county. Thinking to have better opportunities in the middle west, the parents removed from New York to Illinois, settling twenty-two miles north of Chicago. Subsequently they went to Will county, Illinois, and in the '50s came to Iowa, establishing their home in Mount Pleasant. In 1867 Mr. Baker came to Wapello county with his family and after five years removed to Nebraska, in which state he passed away at an advanced age. His life work was that of farming and he handled many cattle. During the period of the Civil war he enlisted for service at Mount Pleasant with the Fourth Iowa Cavalry and went to the front, doing active duty in defense of the Union through the darkest period in the history of the country. His religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his well spent life won him respect and honor. In his family were nine children, seven of whom reached adult age, namely: Lorenzo D.; O. W., now a resident of Nebraska; Lydia, the wife of Abe Berry of Nebraska; J. K., Charles, and Elizabeth, all of whom have now passed away; and Elzada.

Lorenzo D. Baker was very young at the time of the removal of the family to the middle west. He accompanied his parents to Mount Pleasant and in the fall of 1861, when a youth of sixteen years, he ran away from home to enlist as a soldier in the Civil war. He enlisted about four miles west of Burlington as a member of Company K, Fourteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for eighteen months, and was then honorably discharged on account of physical disability. He was taken

prisoner at the battle of Shiloh on Sunday, April 6, 1862, and was thus held for fifty-two days, after which he was paroled and later exchanged. He then returned to the family home in Mount Pleasant and two or three years later came to Wapello county. Here he remained until 1870, when he went to Howard county in southern Kansas, where he lived for about eight years. While in the Sunflower state he preempted a claim of one hundred and sixty acres on the Osage Mission Reserve. This he sold and then returned to Wapello county in the fall of 1879. Two years passed and he then went to Webster county, Iowa, where he also spent two years. In 1883 he purchased his present farm on sections 22, 26 and 27, Highland township, upon which he has since resided, and he is today the owner of three hundred and ninety-five acres of rich, arable and valuable land, upon which he has made nearly all of the improvements. There is a creek called Big Cedar upon his place, also some brush land, and he likewise has some splendid prairie land, which responds readily to the care and labor he bestows upon it. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and both branches of his business are gratifying sources of revenue. Diligence and determination have ever been numbered among his sterling characteristics and constitute the chief features in his growing success.

In 1869 Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Mary Stoughton, who died in this county. Their children were: Jessie and James, who are residents of Nebraska; Nellie, the wife of John Eby of the same state; Samuel, of Highland township; William, a resident of Idaho; and Ellsworth, who makes his home in Oregon. For his second wife Mr. Baker chose Mrs. Sarah Dennis, who also passed away in this county, survived by a daughter, Eva, now the wife of Cliff Bourlan, of Eldon, while a son, Fred, died at the age of two years. On the 28th of February, 1893, Mr. Baker married Miss Rhoda McCormick, a native of Highland township and a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Stevens) McCormick, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. For a time they resided in Illinois, whence they came to Iowa during the early period of development in this state. The children of Mr. Baker's third marriage are: Searle, of Highland township; and Warren and Noel, both at home.

The political indorsement of Mr. Baker is given to the republican party, but, while he gives stanch support to its principles,



he does not seek nor desire office. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Grand Army of the Republic, and in the latter organization maintains pleasant connections with his old army comrades—"the boys in blue," who defended the Union. He has ever been as true and loyal in citizenship as when he followed the old flag upon the battlefields of the south.

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### DEMOSTHENES NEWELL.

Demosthenes Newell is now well advanced in years, having passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey. He was born in Rush county, Indiana, February 5, 1830, and is a son of William and Ann (Baldwin) Newell. The Newell family are descended from French ancestors, three brothers having come to America at an early date and established the family in this country. The mother of our subject was a native of Baltimore, Maryland. The father, who was born in Ohio, went to Indiana at an early day, settling on a farm, and there he built a log cabin in the midst of the wilderness. With characteristic energy he began the development of his place and later removed to Warren county, Indiana, where his death occurred. His widow survived him and her last days were spent in Iowa. In their family were eleven children, of whom two are yet living.

Demosthenes Newell remained with his mother until seventeen years of age and during that period acquired a common-school education. In 1847 he came westward to Wapello county and has here since made his home. In 1850 he purchased a tract of land of three hundred acres in Washington township, for which he paid sixteen hundred dollars, and he also entered forty acres from the government. His labors were at once manifest in the improved appearance of the place, and he continued its cultivation with growing success until 1902, when he retired and removed to Agency, where he is now living.

On the 29th of June, 1854, Mr. Newell was united in marriage to Miss Glorvina Connelly, a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Hugh and Martha (King) Connelly, who in 1844 came to Wapello county, where their remaining days were passed. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Newell were born eleven children. Mary B., is the wife of John Enyart, a



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resident of Agency, Iowa, and is the mother of two children, Watson N., cashier of the Agency Savings Bank, and Lula, at home. Livia B., married B. F. Cremer, of Agency, and to this union have been born two daughters and five sons as follows, Gene, Pearl, Mec, Rena, Charles, Moss, and Clare. Martha became the wife of J. O. Reighard, of Agency, and they have four children, Wayne, Nellie, Dwight and Ralph. Dr. J. F. Newell is a resident of Matfield Green, Kansas, and has three children, Dale, Clell and Florence. Elizabeth Jane married J. M. Sirles and they are residents of Agency. They are parents of three children, Monna, Scott and Helen. C. P., a resident of Larned, Kansas, has two children, Mable and Carl. O. S. has passed away, leaving seven children, Earl, Lon, Carrie, Lola, Merle, Floyd and Demosthenes M. Alberta is the widow of D. F. Comeygs, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and the mother of three children, Jessie, Helen and Clarence. G. W. is a resident of Des Moines and has one child, Myrna. Winona passed away unmarried. T. H., residing at Agency, has one child, Donald. There are also eighteen great-grandchildren. Mrs. Newell departed this life March 4, 1908, and was laid to rest in the Agency cemetery.

In his political views Mr. Newell has always been a stalwart republican since the organization of the party and has served as a member of the school board and as township trustee. He is a member of the Methodist church and always gives cheerfully of time and money in the furtherance of the purposes of the church. His long residence in the county entitle him to be classed with its worthy pioneers. He has lived to witness many changes, as the prairie has been reclaimed and converted into productive farms. Everything about his place has always been kept thoroughly well improved and in good repair and the careful management of his business interests has brought to him substantial success.

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### B. D. RANDEL.

B. D. Randel is a well known farmer of Richland township, living on section 35. He was born in Center township, Wapello county, October 8, 1871, and is a son of E. L. and Rachel (Draper) Randel, who were natives of Greensburg, Decatur



county, Indiana. In that locality they spent their childhood and youth, and following their marriage they made their way direct to Wapello county, Iowa, arriving in the year 1864. They took up their abode upon a farm and the father continuously carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1893, when he retired. His first home was north of Agency, where he lived for six years. He then removed to Center township, two and a half miles north of Ottumwa, and upon that farm, where B. D. Randel was born, he remained for twenty-two years. He then retired to Ottumwa, where he continued for a decade and since then has made his home with his youngest son. He is today one of the old-time settlers of the county, having resided within its borders for a half century. He had more than five hundred acres at one time and was also well known as a breeder of fine stock, making a specialty of shorthorn cattle. His farm lay in Center township, north of Ottumwa, and there his business interests were carefully and successfully conducted up to the time of his retirement.

He took an active interest in politics, giving loyal support to the republican party. Both he and his wife held membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Ottumwa, but about three years ago Mr. Randel transferred his membership to the Salem Methodist Episcopal church. He is a Master Mason, loyal to the teachings of the craft, and his life has ever been guided by high and honorable principles. He lost his wife in 1888 and following his retirement from the farm of E. L. Randel went to live with his son B. D. Randel, with whom he still makes his home. In the family were five children: Ella, now living in Des Moines; Luna, who is the widow of A. D. Stephens and resides in Des Moines; Minnie, the widow of S. S. Bear of Des Moines; Mattie, the wife of John W. Simmons of Fernandina, Florida; and B. D.

B. D. Randel has resided all of his life in Wapello county, continuing with his father until twenty-one years of age, when he started out in life on his own account in Richland township, where he rented land for a number of years, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until he was able to purchase his present property. He now owns one hundred and forty acres of land on section 35, in the midst of which stands a large, fine residence. There are also good barns and outbuildings upon the place, ample for the shelter of grain and stock, and he is well known as an extensive breeder of Duroc Jersey

hogs. His business affairs are capably managed and the energy and perseverance which he displays have been the salient features in winning for him the creditable success which is now his.

In 1895 B. D. Randel was united in marriage to Miss Anna Thompson, who was born in Kirkville, Wapello county, in 1877, a daughter of E. O. and Mary F. Thompson. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Randel are E. L., Mary and Ella. The family are widely and favorably known in their section of the county. Mr. Randel is a republican in politics and has served as trustee of his township. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Grangers and is actively interested in all that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of the county along various lines of progress and improvement.

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### HON. GEORGE W. DICKINS.

The name of the Hon. George W. Dickins is closely associated with the political history as well as with the agricultural development of Wapello county, for he has twice represented his district in the state legislature and has otherwise done much to mould public thought and action in relation to affairs of general moment.

He was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, on the 18th of September, 1843, a son of Martin and Elizabeth (Staley) Dickins and a grandson of James and Mary (Haskell) Dickins. The father was born in North Carolina, March 12, 1802, and was but four years of age when his parents removed to Ash county, Virginia. He was left an orphan at the age of fourteen years and was bound as an apprentice to a man who eloped with the wife of another man of the neighborhood, and thus Martin Dickins was released from his apprenticeship. Thinking that he might secure employment at Kanawha, he walked to that place, a distance of one hundred miles, and secured work in the salt works, remaining there for a number of years. He afterward removed to Ohio and in the latter state was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Staley, who was born in 1807, her parents being Malachi and Elizabeth (Coons) Staley. In the year 1845 Martin Dickins removed with his family to Iowa, settling in Wapello county, where he purchased a claim, and

thereafter was occupied with general agricultural pursuits to the time of his death, which occurred March 2, 1890. He had survived his wife, who passed away in 1863. His farm comprised three hundred and twenty acres in Compentine township, the greater part of which was still unbroken when it came into his possession. He turned the sod and prepared the land for cultivation and in due course of time gathered rich crops. He long occupied a creditable position among the representative farmers of the district and contributed in substantial measure to the pioneer development of the county.

George W. Dickins was one of a large family and was next to the youngest. He was but three years of age when his parents came to Wapello county, where he was reared amid conditions and environments of pioneer life, sharing with others in all of the hardships and privations which fell to the lot of the frontier settler. He was a youth of nineteen years when, being unable to longer content himself at the plow, he went to the front in defense of the Union cause, enlisting on the 12th of August, 1862, at Davenport, Iowa, as a member of Company I, of the First Regiment of Iowa Cavalry, of which he afterward became quartermaster. He was with his command for three years and eight months, participating largely in campaigns in the west, and he was mustered out of service at Austin, Texas, on the 14th of February, 1866. He was with the army of sixty thousand men sent to the Texas border to watch Maximilian and Marshal Bazaine and there remained until the collapse of the French scheme to establish a monarchy on American soil and place Maximilian on the throne.

With the close of the war Mr. Dickins was mustered out in Davenport, after which he returned to his home in Wapello county, where he began farming and settled upon the tract of land which he now owns and occupies, on section 17, Compentine township. As his financial resources increased he added to his holdings until at one time he was the owner of nine hundred and twenty acres. Of this he has sold some and has given parts to his children until he now retains possession of but one hundred and sixty acres of land. It was in 1868 that he made his purchase from B. Randall, paying twelve dollars and a half per acre for property that is today worth two hundred and fifty dollars per acre, owing to the highly cultivated condition of the soil and the many improvements he has put upon the place. In addition to his agricultural interests he is known in financial circles

as president of the Farson Savings Bank, with which he has been thus connected for eight years.

On the 2nd of June, 1864, Mr. Dickins was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hawthorne, who was born in Washington county, Virginia, a daughter of Reed T. and Mary (Reed) Hawthorne, who were also natives of the Old Dominion, coming to Iowa about 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Dickins became the parents of four children: Wilbur T., who died in June, 1871; Anthony, who died in infancy; Mary, who was born July 10, 1869, and is the wife of O. E. Dickey of Competine township; and Hiram H., who was born October 7, 1871, and married Vinnie Ulry, their home being in Competine township. Mrs. Dickins passed away on the 22nd of June, 1874, and Mr. Dickins was married, March 30th, 1875, to Miss Martha C. Eller, who was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, a daughter of Harvey and Caroline (Vannoy) Eller, both of whom were natives of North Carolina. They came to Iowa about 1851, first settling in Jefferson county, where they lived until 1855, when they came to Wapello county, where their remaining days were passed. They had a family of fifteen children, of whom eleven are living and of whom Mrs. Dickins is the eighth child in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Dickins have become the parents of a son and two daughters. Scott M. married and both he and his wife passed away, leaving two sons, Earl and Lloyd, who now make their home with their grandfather Dickins. Rilla May is the wife of C. A. Dickey, a farmer of Competine township. Katherine, the youngest member of the family, is the wife of C. B. Baldwin, and they reside on the old homestead. There are nineteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dickins hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and he belongs also to the Grand Army post, of which he is a past commander. His political indorsement is given to the republican party, and he has been called to a number of public offices. After serving in various township positions he was elected to the nineteenth general assembly of Iowa in 1881 and in 1897 was again chosen to represent his district in the house, serving in the twenty-seventh assembly. He gave to every question which came up for consideration due attention, and his support of measures was always the outcome of his belief in their efficacy as features in good government. His life has been well spent. Through all of his experiences he has never lost his faith in his fellowmen nor his belief in the



ultimate triumph of good. He has sought to the extent of his ability to improve conditions and to promote the public welfare, and his worth is widely acknowledged. Both he and his wife are well known and where best known are most highly esteemed.

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### GEORGE W. EVANS.

George W. Evans is one of the substantial agriculturists of Highland township, Wapello county, where he owns eight hundred and eighty-two acres of valuable land. He was born on this farm March 8, 1861, and is a son of William and Harriet (Hines) Evans, natives of Ohio, who came to Iowa in 1849, settling on a farm in Highland township, experiencing the hardships of pioneer life and taking up their residence in a log cabin which they occupied for some time. The father devoted himself to the cultivation of his land and remained on the farm until his death, passing away in 1878, his wife having preceded him in 1870. To their union were born two children: Alice, who married C. Ostertag; and George W., of this review; the father had been married before and by his first union had one daughter, Amanda, who married George W. Hines.

George W. Evans was reared on the parental farm and in the acquirement of an education attended the public schools of the neighborhood. He early began to assist his father with the work on the homestead and acquired the thoroughness of method which later in life made him so successful in the operation of his land. After his father's death he took over the management of the homestead and has continued in its cultivation ever since. He fell heir to part of the land and as he prospered acquired additional holdings, now owning eight hundred and eighty-two fertile acres in Highland and Dahlonga townships. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, deriving a gratifying income from this branch of his activities.

On February 12, 1886, Mr. Evans married Miss Regina M. Neville, who was born in Wapello county and is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Blue) Neville. The father was born in County Wexford, Ireland, in 1823, and the mother's birth occurred in Londonderry county in 1822. They came to America with their respective families while children and first settled in Michigan, making a removal to Iowa about 1847. There they

lived until their deaths. In their family were six children, of whom four are now living. By trade the father was a contractor and mason and quite successful in that occupation. Mrs. Evans is a graduate of the Ottumwa schools and also graduated in music, being highly gifted in this art. She is an alumna of the Visitation Convent of Ottumwa, Iowa. She and her husband have the following children: Margaret A., who attended Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, three years and then Columbia University and now resides at home with her parents; Felix W., a graduate of Ames College; and Harriet M., and Helen A., both attending high school at Ottumwa, Iowa.

Mr. Evans is a republican, stanchly supporting the candidates of that organization. He has always taken an interest in the progress of his community and particularly in educational matters, having served on the school board. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen.

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### S. N. YOUNG.

S. N. Young is a successful agriculturist of Richland township, Wapello county, where he owns a well improved farm which is largely given over to hog raising. He was born in Henry county, Iowa, March 26, 1876, and is a son of Robert and Martha J. (Nicholson) Young, the former born in Ohio and the latter in West Virginia. The father came to Iowa in 1855 and located in Henry county on a farm. Both parents are still living, now making their home in Mount Pleasant. In their family were five children as follows: Jeannette, the wife of W. M. Inglebright of Canada; Nellie D.; J. W., of Salem, Iowa; S. N., of this review; and D. C., of Henry county.

S. N. Young was reared on his father's farm and under his careful guidance early learned the value of industry and honesty. He attended the common schools of the neighborhood and after laying aside his text-books assisted his father with the work of the farm, there acquiring the thorough methods which later stood him in good stead. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age and then began farming a part of the old homestead, upon which he resided for three years. He then turned his attention to the dairy business in Mount Pleasant,

being so occupied for two and a half years and subsequently removed to Ottumwa, where he was successful in the insurance business for two years. At the end of that time he bought one hundred and twenty acres in Center township, which he farmed for three years and then sold at a profit. At the end of that time he bought the eighty acres known as the John Wilson farm, which he cultivated for a year and then bought eighty acres on section 26 in Richland township, where he now lives, and all of which is in a high state of cultivation. He follows most modern methods, is thorough in his work and reaps large annual harvests from his land. He gives much attention to hog raising and has been especially successful along this line.

On February 17, 1909, Mr. Young married Miss Alice E. Ernst, who was born in Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of K. and Tabitha (Ewing) Ernst, natives of the Keystone state. The father died there in 1883, and the mother and her children subsequently came to Johnson county, Iowa, later removing to Henry county. Mrs. Ernst is now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Young. The latter is one of nine children born to her parents, of whom six are living. She had the advantage of a college education and is a refined lady of cultured tastes. Mr. and Mrs. Young have two children: Robert S., born January 20, 1910; and Esther V., March 18, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Young hold membership in the Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Young is also a member of the Ladies Aid Society of the church. Mr. Young is a republican, thoroughly in accord with the principles of that party but not an office seeker, although he is ever ready to contribute his share in promoting public enterprises. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 9 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has many friends in that organization.

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### J. C. MILLER.

J. C. Miller, township assessor of Dahlonga township, has filled this position for fifteen years. He is accounted one of the representative agriculturists of the county, cultivating three hundred and ten acres of rich and productive land lying in Dahlonga and Pleasant townships. He was born in this county July 11, 1858, and is a son of J. T. and Sarah A. (Reeve) Miller, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Germany, whence she



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came to America in early life. Their marriage was celebrated in the Buckeye state and in the early '50s they arrived in Iowa, settling in Agency, Wapello county, where the father engaged in the tailoring business. There the mother passed away in 1862. Following her demise the father returned to Ohio, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there in 1898. In their family were seven children: J. A., now living in Ohio; Liddie E., the wife of C. F. Barras of Nebraska; J. C., of this review; P. A., living in San Antonio, Texas; and three who have departed this life.

When J. C. Miller was four years of age he went to live with his maternal grandfather, with whom he remained until the grandfather's death in 1876. J. C. Miller was at that time a youth of eighteen years and started out in life on his own account. He has always followed the occupation to which he was reared. He worked as a farm hand until the time of his marriage, which was celebrated in 1883, the lady of his choice being Miss Delpha Lowenberg, a daughter of Jacob and Ellen Lowenberg, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Following their marriage the young couple began their domestic life upon a farm. He is now cultivating three hundred and ten acres of land in Dah-longa and Pleasant townships, and is regarded as one of the most progressive farmers of his part of the county. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, he makes a specialty of raising fine seed corn and of breeding Silver-laced Wyandotte chickens. He also raises high-grade Shropshire sheep, having over fifty head on the farm. He likewise handles cattle and hogs quite extensively and from the sale of his stock, including his sheep and his chickens, derives a gratifying annual income. He has won many premiums on his seed corn, chickens, sheep, cattle and hogs.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born twelve children: Grace E., who was born February 23, 1884, and is now the wife of J. F. Williams of Highland Center and the mother of two children, Warren K. and Dorris M.; Floyd O., who was born October 25, 1885; Blanch A., born August 30, 1887; Arnold D., born January 22, 1889; Madge E., born October 17, 1890; Claire C., February 20, 1892; Ray L., January 20, 1894; Beulah M., May 4, 1896; J. Kenneth, July 21, 1898; Nettie I., January 9, 1901; Effie E., March 16, 1904, and Dorothy E., October 30, 1907. Beulah and Kenneth are both high-school students. The children are members of the Christian church.

Mr. Miller votes with the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and in local political circles he is a recognized leader. That he has proved a faithful officer is indicated by the fact that he has been retained in the position of assessor for fifteen years, and he has also done effective work in behalf of the public schools as a member of the school board. A lifelong resident of this county, he has a wide acquaintance, and his many sterling traits of character have gained him high regard.

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### GEORGE W. SHEPHERD.

The attractiveness of Wapello county as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders, finding here excellent business opportunities and advantages. To this class belongs George W. Shepherd, who was born October 28, 1871, on the farm on section 2, Center township, which is now his home. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Watt) Shepherd, were natives of Jefferson county, Ohio, and were married there, retaining their residence in the east until 1864, when they came to Iowa and settled upon what has since been the homestead farm of the family, Mr. Shepherd continuing the cultivation and development of his land until death terminated his labors in 1890, when he was sixty-four years of age. The mother still survives and now makes her home with her children.

In his business affairs William Shepherd displayed careful management and sound judgment and made judicious investment, becoming in time the owner of six hundred and forty acres of valuable land in this county. His holdings were the visible evidence of his life of well directed energy and thrift and he made many improvements upon his property, all of which indicated his practical and progressive spirit. At all times he kept in touch with the trend of modern farming and on his place could be seen the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields.

Unto him and his wife were born ten children: Jennie, now the deceased wife of William Baker; Lucinda, who married Hamilton Wilson and has passed away; Mrs. Emma Cody, whose home is in Sargent, Nebraska; Anna, the deceased wife

of James E. Law; Mrs. Mattie Bennett, of Richland township; John A., of Ottumwa; Charles W., also of Richland township; Maggie, the wife of Frank Mast, deceased; Mrs. Nettie Smith, of Ottumwa; and George W.

The usual experiences of the farm boy came to George W. Shepherd in his youthful days. As soon as old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields, dividing his time between the cultivation of the home farm and attendance at school. He has made farming and stock-raising his life work and for some time engaged in buying, feeding and shipping stock, while now he raises and feeds stock, handling cattle, horses, hogs and sheep. He owns one hundred and twenty acres of land, which was a part of his father's estate, his placing being the original homestead.

On the 21st of February, 1901, Mr. Shepherd was united in marriage to Miss Emma Jane Drake, who was born October 27, 1874, in Minnesota, and there resided until her marriage. She is a daughter of I. T. Drake. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd have been born four children, William Harold, Herbert Isaac, Charles Edward and Alice Elizabeth.

Mr. Shepherd belongs to the Grange and is interested in its purpose of stimulating agricultural activity along progressive lines. His political allegiance is given the republican party and his religious faith is manifest in his membership in the Wilson Presbyterian church, of which he is one of the elders. His life has ever been honorable and he has attempted to follow the Golden Rule in all of his relations with his fellowmen. The place upon which he resides is dear to him through the associations of boyhood as well as of manhood, and he takes genuine delight in improving his farm and rendering it one of the attractive places of Center township.

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### ALBERT J. FAIRCHILD.

Albert J. Fairchild owns and operates a farm of seventy acres on sections 15 and 22, Center township. Here he took up his abode on the 25th of November, 1913. He had previously been the owner of other farm property in the county and in fact has long been numbered among its representative agriculturists. He was born in Richland township on the 6th of October, 1858, and



is a son of Seth and Mary (Parks) Fairchild, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Pennsylvania. In early life Seth Fairchild removed to Tennessee and afterward came to Iowa, and it was in this state that he was married. His wife came here with her parents from Pennsylvania, the family home being established near Agency. They were among the first white settlers in this part of the state and resided in a bark tent until a more suitable habitation could be prepared. Mary Parks became the wife of James Sellers, who died about sixty-five years ago. There were seven children of that marriage, one of whom, John Sellers, was born in Indiana and at nineteen years of age enlisted from Ottumwa, the date of his enlistment being August 24, 1861. He was killed in the battle of Pea Ridge on the 7th of March, 1862, and was buried in the National cemetery in Arkansas, his being grave No. 46 in section 2. The other six children of the first marriage are still living, and Isaiah Sellers resides on the old home place in Richland township.

It was in this county that Seth Fairchild married Mrs. Mary (Parks) Sellers, and the remainder of their lives was spent upon the home farm in Richland township. He reared the children of his wife's first marriage, giving to them the same parental care and affection which he bestowed upon his own children, who were two in number: Jane, who is living in Eldon; and Albert J. The father departed this life in April, 1862, at the age of seventy-eight years, while the mother, surviving until 1898, died at the age of eighty-four years.

Albert J. Fairchild has spent his entire life in Wapello county. He was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work. He continued in Richland township until the 28th of January, 1913, when he removed to Ottumwa, where he lived until November, 1913. He then located upon his present farm, comprising seventy acres on sections 15 and 22, Center township. He has sold his farm of one hundred and forty-five acres in Richland township, and devotes his attention to his present place, which is well developed and indicates his careful supervision and progressive methods. He has always stood for advancement in farm work, and his industry and energy have been crowned with a measure of success that is most gratifying.

At the same time Mr. Fairchild has cooperated in many movements for the general good and has filled a number of public offices. He acted as township trustee, was also justice of the peace, and in 1909 was elected county supervisor, which position he filled for three years, being chairman of the board at the time the present jail was built. It was he who cast the deciding vote in favor of the clock in the court house. In public office, as in private life, he has ever stood for advancement and improvement, yet he has never believed in the useless expenditure of public funds, but rather in the economical and businesslike administration of public affairs.

On the 22d of December, 1881, Mr. Fairchild was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Hardesty, who was born in Richland township, June 24, 1858, a daughter of Thomas and Maria (Stevenson) Hardesty. The father was a native of North Carolina and an early settler of Wapello county. Both he and his wife spent their last days in Richland township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild have been born ten children, five of whom survive, as follows: Thomas C., now living in Minnesota; Manley A., at home; S. Ray, who is attending a medical college in Louisville, Kentucky; Opal, a student in the Ottumwa schools; and Mary, also in school. The family is widely and favorably known in Center township.

Mr. Fairchild has been a resident of this county for almost fifty-six years and has therefore witnessed much of its progress and development as time has passed on. Many events which are to others matters of history are known to him from actual experience, and he has ever rejoiced in the changes which have occurred where progress has been made. He has deep attachment for the county and may well be termed one of its representative citizens.

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### JOSEPH BROWN.

Years of arduous labor along agricultural lines have brought Joseph Brown a handsome fortune. He is a farmer of Richland township, and there he has resided for many years, having been a factor in its agricultural development. He was born in the north of England, May 16, 1831, and is a son of James and Jane (Moffett) Brown, natives of the motherland. The mother

died there in 1841 and the father with his children emigrated to America in 1845 and located at first in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was a trained and experienced coal miner and while in Pittsburgh held a position as pit man, continuing to make his home in that city until 1865, when he sought the opportunities of the middle west, removing to Missouri, where he settled in Macon county. Later he returned to Pennsylvania, and there he passed away. He had seven children as follows: Hannah, who married William Black of Pennsylvania; Joseph, of this review; Jane, the wife of John Graham of northern Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, who married A. Ruphard of Ohio, now deceased; James, deceased; and two who died in infancy.

Joseph Brown continued to reside with his father until he reached his majority, having acquired his education in the schools of his native land and this county. He then followed mining for twenty years, being a scientifically trained pit man, and spent nine years of this time in Oregon and the gold fields of California. He then operated a grist and sawmill in Davis county, Iowa, for three years. At the end of that time he had acquired the means which enabled him to buy a farm in Davis county and for several years he cultivated the same, selling his property to advantage at the end of that period and then moving to Mahaska county, where for two years he was engaged in mining operations. He subsequently bought the farm in Richland township upon which he now lives and which comprises two hundred and twelve and a half acres on section 22. He has devoted his whole attention to its cultivation and by years of arduous labor has succeeded in making it one of the most valuable farms in his neighborhood. His buildings are in good repair and his acres are planted to the crops most suitable to soil and climate. He is ever ready to embrace new methods and ideas and, while he has attained individual prosperity has also created new agricultural standards in his section.

On April 17, 1860, in Pennsylvania Mr. Brown married Miss Susanna Black, a native of the Keystone state and a daughter of James and Sarah (Marks) Black, the mother of Pennsylvania and the father of Ohio. In their family were twelve children, of whom Mrs. Brown is the only one now living. The latter bore her husband six children: George F., of Wapello county; Lincoln and Charles, both of whom also reside in this county; Joseph, who makes his home in Mahaska county; James, of Wapello county; and Albert, who assists his father in the opera-

tion of the homestead. The latter is now practically retired, leaving the active farm labors to younger hands, and finding in his son Albert a worthy successor. Mr. Brown has been a valuable factor in the development of his section and has ever cooperated in promoting valuable public measures. However, he is not a politician and has never actively entered the field of politics. All who know him speak of him in the highest terms of appreciation, and he has many friends in Wapello county.

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### F. M. HENRY.

F. M. Henry, a representative and successful agriculturist of Competine township, residing on section 15, owns and cultivates eighty-seven and a half acres of rich and productive land. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 10th of June, 1851, his parents being Patrick and Mary (Farnum) Henry, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of New Hampshire. The father was a representative of the fifth generation in direct line of descent from Patrick Henry, the celebrated American orator and patriot. The parents of our subject came to Iowa in 1853, settling on a farm in Wapello county on which they spent the remainder of their lives. They had eleven children, five of whom survive.

F. M. Henry, who was but two years old when brought to this county by his parents, acquired his education in the common schools and remained at home until twenty years of age or until the time of his marriage. Subsequently he cultivated rented land for three years and on the expiration of that period removed to Kansas, where he took up a claim and made his home for six years. At the end of that time he disposed of the property and made his way to Nebraska, residing in that state for four years and then returning to Wapello county, Iowa. Here he purchased a farm of eighty-seven and a half acres on section 15, Competine township, in the operation of which he has been continuously engaged to the present time. As the years have passed he has brought the place to a high state of cultivation and improvement and annually gathers rich crops which find a ready sale on the market.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Henry chose Miss Lucinda Lamb, who was born in Competine



township in 1855, her parents being John and Sarah (Grace) Lamb, natives of Alabama and Kentucky respectively. They came to Wapello county, Iowa, in 1852 and settled on a farm in Competine township which remained their home until they passed away. Unto them were born ten children, eight of whom are yet living. Our subject and his wife have three children, as follows: Dr. Clyde A., who is a resident of Farson, Iowa; Gertrude B., a dressmaker residing in Seattle, Washington; and Harry A., living in Farson, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Henry have one grandson, Lyle Kenneth Henry, who was born May 10, 1904. Mr. Henry gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has ably served in the capacity of road supervisor. He is a man of high principles, his life being actuated by worthy purposes and characterized by honorable conduct in every relation. Thus he has won the respect of his fellowmen and is numbered among the worthy residents of Wapello county.

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### SAMUEL H. BURTON.

For an extended period Samuel H. Burton was identified with agricultural interests in Wapello county but is now living retired in Ottumwa. At the present writing, however, he is filling the office of county highway engineer, which position was created under the new road law in April, 1913. Fifty-two years have come and gone since he arrived in this section of the state.

Mr. Burton is a native of Waterloo, Seneca county, New York, born January 29, 1841, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Hooper) Burton. The father served as a captain in the War of 1812 and participated in the battle of Lundy's Lane. He was the son of an Episcopal minister, who came with his family to the new world from Manchester, England, in 1798. John Burton, who was then in his minority, came with his parents to the United States and afterward studied law, becoming a prominent and able member of the bar. His wife was a lineal descendant of General Clark, a prominent figure during the Revolutionary war. This branch of the Clark family has long been a prominent one and was first established in America by Samuel Clark, who located in Wethersfield, Connecticut, in 1630, possibly having come from Devon, England. Ten years subsequent to his arrival in the new world he removed to Rippo-



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wams, now Stamford, Connecticut, and his death occurred in Bedford in 1690. The ancestral line to the present generation has been traced as follows: "His son, William Clark, was born in Stamford, Connecticut, in 1645, and died in Bedford in 1712; he was the father of Nathan Clark, who was born in 1676 and died in 1738. The latter was father of Jehiel Clark, born at Bedford, New York, in 1710, and died near Newbury, Ulster county, in 1743. Samuel Clark, a son of Jehiel Clark, was born February 17, 1741, and was commissioned lieutenant by General Washington at White Plains, captain at Poughkeepsie, June 16, 1778, and major May 6, 1779, lieutenant colonel at East Line, Saratoga county, New York, in 1786, colonel at East Line, May 10, 1792, brigadier general of the Ninth Brigade at Saratoga, July 3, 1804, and major general on March 8, 1814. Lydia Clark, second daughter of Samuel Clark, married Pontius Hooper and lived the latter years of her life ten miles west of Clinton, Michigan. This union resulted in the birth of Elizabeth Hooper, mother of our subject, September 25, 1799. The latter died in 1875 at Waterloo, New York."

Samuel H. Burton was a student in the Waterloo Academy of Waterloo, New York, and at the age of eighteen took up the profession of teaching. Later he engaged in land surveying and when in his twenty-first year came to Wapello county, where he pursued the study of law, under Judge Burton and H. B. Hendershott. In June, 1862, he was admitted to the bar and for a brief period engaged in law practice, but soon afterward became part owner of the *Mercury*, a Democratic paper published weekly. In 1865 a daily edition was brought forth in addition to the weekly, published by Samuel H. Burton and S. B. Evans. During that period when the Republican party was guiding the destinies of the nation through a most momentous period of its history it required great courage for a man to espouse Democratic principles, but Mr. Burton was so fair in his judgments and so honorable in all that he did that he accomplished great good for his party. He continued to publish the *Mercury* until 1869, after which he followed the profession of teaching through the winter seasons and spent the summer months in survey work. Subsequently he engaged in the grocery business, but trusted his patrons to too great an extent and was forced to dispose of his business, as the method he pursued was unprofitable. In 1873 he opened an office as surveyor and civil engineer and subsequently was elected and served as city engineer and county sur-



veyor for a number of years, continuing in those offices until 1893.

In 1886 Mr. Burton turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and settled upon a farm, dividing his time between its cultivation and his official duties. The land was almost wholly undeveloped when it came into his possession, and its improvements were little more than a log cabin when he purchased the place in 1868. He occupied the log house during 1870 and 1871, after which he lived in his city home on Elm street until 1886. He then erected a commodious residence upon his farm and occupied it for a number of years, during which time he successfully engaged in gardening and fruit-raising in addition to cultivating the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate. At the present writing Mr. Burton makes his home at No. 1103 North Elm street, which property he owns, while his son Frank resides upon a farm a mile east on Pennsylvania avenue. For a half century Mr. Burton has been connected with the office of county surveyor, acting as deputy or as county surveyor throughout that long period, having been first elected to the position on the 14th of October, 1862. He has also been city engineer for many years and at the present writing he is acting as county highway engineer, the office having been created in April, 1913, under the new road law.

Mr. Burton was united in marriage in 1861 to Miss Julia Day, and they became the parents of four children: Mabel, who was born November 11, 1863, and is the wife of Joseph Carr, of Portland, Oregon; Grace, who was born July 22, 1865, and became the wife of Fred Milligan, but died in Wisconsin in 1906; Frances Mary, who was born December 18, 1869, and is the wife of George M. Bissell, living a mile east of Ottumwa; and Edward, who was born in 1871 and died in childhood. The wife and mother passed away in 1875 and in 1885 Mr. Burton married Rhoda E. Garbry, by whom he has two sons: Frank H., who was born March 30, 1886, and Claude Cleveland, born July 11, 1888. The former married Ruth A. Johnson. He attended a business college in Ottumwa and is now assisting his father in engineering work. The younger son, a bridge carpenter and engineer in Montana with the Milwaukee Railroad Company, wedded Mary Finn, and they have one child, Francis Emmett.

Throughout the entire period of his manhood Mr. Burton has been a resident of Wapello county and in the fifty-two years

which have come and gone since his arrival he has become very widely and favorably known, substantial qualities of citizenship and of upright manhood having gained for him the warm regard and good-will of those with whom he has been associated.

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### WILBERN C. BRADEN.

Wilbern C. Braden is an enterprising young business man of Farson, where he conducts a successful general mercantile establishment and also serves in the capacity of postmaster. His birth occurred in Keokuk county, Iowa, on the 11th of March, 1887, his parents being J. L. and Lucinda (Cowger) Braden, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Wapello county, Iowa. J. L. Braden came to this state about 1860, locating in Keokuk county, where he passed away on the 5th of December, 1909. His wife was called to her final rest on the 15th of November, 1908. They were the parents of two children: Sadie, who is now the wife of L. A. Steel and resides in South Dakota; and Wilbern C., of this review.

The latter supplemented his common-school education by commercial training at Burlington, Iowa, and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He was then married and subsequently purchased a farm in Pleasant township, residing thereon for two years, on the expiration of which period he traded the property for a stock of general merchandise at Linby, Jefferson county, Iowa. At the end of a year he sold out and came to Farson, where he again embarked in business as a general merchant and where he has since conducted his store with gratifying success. He carries a large and well selected line of goods and has won a liberal patronage by reason of fair prices, courteous treatment of customers and reliable business methods. Mr. Braden owns the store building and also a handsome residence in Farson.

At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Braden was united in marriage to Miss Estella Warder, a native of Wapello county and a daughter of John C. and Nancy A. (Goudy) Warder. She is a sister of F. L. Warder, cashier of the Farson Savings Bank. By her marriage she has become the mother of one son, Waldom W., whose natal day was March 7, 1911.

Mr. Braden is a republican in politics and serves as postmaster of Farson, ably discharging the duties devolving upon him in this connection. He has likewise served as a member of the school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a staunch champion. Both he and his wife belong to the Baptist church and take an active and helpful interest in its work. At all times his life has been active, useful and honorable, and it is his genuine personal worth that has gained for him the favorable position which he occupies in the regard of those who know him.

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### JOHN WESLEY MILLISACK.

John Wesley Millisack is one of the venerable citizens of Wapello county, now living with his daughter Mrs. McCarroll at the age of eighty-seven years. He was one of a large family and was born in Leesville, Carroll county, Ohio, August 4, 1827, his parents being Jacob and Sarah (Holms) Millisack. The father was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, January 9, 1800. His parents were in humble circumstances. The father died when the son was but five years and he was reared by his mother in a home where it was necessary to practice the strictest economy. In early life he was apprenticed to a hatter and learned the trade. After the death of his mother, which occurred when he was nineteen years of age, he removed to what was then the far west, his destination being Indiana. Finally, however, he settled for a short time at Smithfield, Ohio, where he worked at his trade, making his home with a good old Quaker family, where refined and uplifting Christian influences made deep impress upon his life. In 1820 he removed to Leesville, Carroll county, Ohio, where he began business on his own account in the line of his trade in 1821. He was then married to Miss Sarah Holms, who was born in Harrison county, Ohio, June 21, 1799, their wedding being celebrated on the 12th of July, 1821. They lived happily together as husband and wife for sixty-three years and reared a family of ten children. Mrs. Millisack passed away on her eighty-fifth birthday, the 21st of June, 1884.

After several years devoted to work at his trade Jacob Millisack turned his attention to merchandising. He made stage trips once or twice a year to Philadelphia to buy goods and in the

course of years so capably and successfully did he manage his commercial interests that he amassed a very comfortable competence and retired to a farm near Leesville in 1845. At length, several of his children having come to Iowa, he sold his home in Ohio and removed to this state in 1864. He was one of the pioneers in the anti-slavery movement at Leesville, Ohio, becoming actively identified with that work in 1834. He was also an early advocate of temperance and of woman suffrage, thus taking an advanced stand upon many questions which are still agitating the public thought. At his own home he entertained William Lloyd Garrison, Parker Pittsburg, Wendell Phillips, Stephen and Abby K. Foster, Frederick Douglas and others. He retained his mental faculties unto the last, spoke of his earthly life as at an end and called by name his wife, his eldest daughter and others of the departed ones as present at his bedside to meet him on the shores of the spirit land. He passed away so quietly that there was not a movement of limb, a gasp or change in the expression of the countenance which at all times bore a pleasing composure. He left a request that he be buried cheaply and inexpensively, as the poor are buried, and that the money which might have gone for interment and funeral services be spent upon the poor. The details of his request were carried out by his friend Major A. H. Hamilton, and thus passed on a good man, whose life was ever actuated by high and honorable purposes. Unto him and his wife were born the following named: Martha, Thomas O., John W., Wilbur F., Jeremiah, Isaac, Mary, Jacob C., Phoebe, William P. and Edward S.

John Wesley Millisack resided at the place of his birth until he had reached the age of forty-four years, when he came to Wapello county, Iowa. Here he has since made his home, covering a period of forty-three years. Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, he worked on the farm and in his father's store until his marriage and then started out upon an independent business career. He has led a busy and useful life and as the result of his industry, careful management and enterprise he has become the owner of valuable property, still owning one hundred and fifty acres of land in Ashland. About two years ago he sold the farm of one hundred and forty-two acres upon which he had long made his home, but he still retains the ownership of one hundred and fifty acres in Washington township, where at one time he owned and cultivated about three hundred acres, all of which was acquired through his own efforts.



In 1852 Mr. Millisack was married to Miss Catharine Overholt, who was born in Ohio in 1832 and died in Washington township, this county, April 7, 1909. They became the parents of six children, including Mrs. McCarroll, with whom Mr. Millisack now resides. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, and he holds membership in the lodge, chapter and commandery. He and his people were spiritualists. In politics he is a progressive but for many years supported the republican party. He has held various township offices, to which he has been called by the vote of his fellow citizens, who have ever found him most loyal to the trust reposed in him.

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### WALLACE W. STERNER.

Wallace W. Sterner, busily engaged in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, his home farm being on sections 3 and 10, Pleasant township, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1851, a son of Jacob and Adelina (Shaff) Sterner, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, where they spent their entire lives. In their happy family were ten children, of whom six are yet living.

Wallace W. Sterner, the only son, spent the period of his minority in his native state and was educated in the public schools. He was twenty-one years of age when in 1872 he came to Wapello county, Iowa, where he secured employment as a farm hand, spending two years in that way. Desirous, however, that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he then rented a farm, which he cultivated for three years. He next purchased the farm whereon he now resides, comprising two hundred and thirteen and one-half acres, situated on sections 3 and 10, Pleasant township. This is a good tract of land, the soil rich and arable, and as a result of his careful and practical methods of cultivating the fields he annually gathers large crops, the sale of which brings to him a substantial annual income. He has erected all of the buildings upon the place and has made many substantial improvements which add to the attractive appearance of the farm and promote its productiveness. He has always handled and raised stock and this branch of his business also indicates him to be a man of sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise.



MR. AND MRS. WALLACE W. STERNER



In 1881 Mr. Sterner was united in marriage to Miss Martha Porter, who was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, a daughter of Marion and Martha Porter. Mr. and Mrs. Sterner have become the parents of seven children; Daisy, now the wife of Vergil Webb; Eveline, who married E. Harris and resides in Jefferson county; Celestia, the widow of William Brown; John R., Marion, at home; Mary, deceased, and Belle, at home. The wife and mother passed away in 1905 and was laid to rest in the Competine cemetery. On September 27, 1907, Mr. Sterner was again married, his second union being with Miss Clara Belle Payne, who was born in Madison, Illinois, the daughter of T. C. and Harriet (Handlon) Payne. Mr. and Mrs. Sterner attend the Christian church, and their lives are guided by its teachings. In politics Mr. Sterner is a republican and has served as school director. He stands at all times for those things which feature most strongly as factors in promoting public progress and improvement, and his worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged.

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### CAREY NEWMAN.

Carey Newman, a resident and representative farmer of Competine township, was born in Ottumwa, April 16, 1860, and is a son of John A. and Celena (Twillinger) Newman, both of whom were natives of Ohio, the former born in 1812 and the latter in 1826. They came to Wapello county in 1847, settling in Ottumwa when the now thriving county seat contained but three log cabins. The father was the first marshal of the town and occupied the position for two years. He was one of the twelve white men who settled in this locality in Black Hawk's time. He entered a claim in Louisa county and there resided for two years, after which he gave it away in order to get rid of it. He then went to Van Buren county, Iowa, where he operated a sawmill for four years. He was one of the old pioneer settlers on the Mississippi and made about eighty trips to New Orleans by way of the river route. In 1847 he returned to Indiana, was there married and subsequently removed to Wapello county, where he lived until his death. In the family were eight children: Rhoda, the wife of E. J. Kirchener of Kansas; Jasper, living in the same state; Laura, the wife of M. J. Lambert of



Kansas; Carey, of this review; Della, the wife of Fred Sauer of Highland township, this county; and three who have passed away.

Carey Newman remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-four years. He then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for a number of years, after which he purchased eighty acres of land south of Farson in Competine township. He lived upon that place for three years and then purchased the farm upon which he now resides, on section 10, Competine township. He owns two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land and as a result of his care and supervision excellent crops are annually harvested. He also carries on stock-raising, and both branches of his business are proving profitable sources of income.

Mr. Newman gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and for two years he was constable, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He has also been school director and at all times has been loyal to the best interests of citizenship, cooperating in many movements relative to the public good.

On December 24, 1889, Mr. Newman was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Sauer, who was born in this county and is a daughter of George A. and Helen (Hanchez) Sauer, both of whom were natives of Germany, but came to America in childhood. After their marriage they settled on a farm in Keokuk county, Iowa, and subsequently removed to Wapello county, where both passed away. Mrs. Newman is one of a family of eleven children, seven of whom are yet living, and by her marriage she has become the mother of eight children: Helen, who was born December 4, 1890, and is the wife of F. A. Sward; John A., who was born September 24, 1892, and is a graduate of an auctioneering school; George B., who was born January 29, 1894, and died December 28, 1896; Carey, who was born September 4, 1896; Norris, October 29, 1898; Nora M., December 25, 1900; Laura F., August 6, 1903; and Chester, April 15, 1905. The family home is an attractive residence, in the rear of which stands substantial barns and outbuildings and these in turn are surrounded by well tilled fields. The farm presents a most attractive appearance and is one of the valuable properties in Competine township. It is most carefully managed, the work being intelligently and systematically directed, and the result of his labors is that he has met with rapid success. Moreover, he deserves representation in this volume as a member of one

of the old pioneer families. The Indians had not left this district when his father took up his abode within the borders of Iowa and from that time to the present the Newmans have taken active and helpful part in advancing the welfare of the districts in which they have lived.

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### J. G. DANA.

J. G. Dana, of Kirkville, Iowa, is residing upon a valuable farm which is cultivated under his active supervision. He is also postmaster of Kirkville and has served in that capacity for the past two years. He was born in Washington county, Ohio, June 2, 1848, and is a son of P. F. and Sarah E. (Green) Dana, natives of that state. The mother died in Ohio in 1856 and two years later Mr. Dana came to Iowa and located on a farm in Richland township, where he lived until 1868. In that year he removed to Ottumwa, buying a small fruit farm and continuing in its cultivation until his death. In their family were nine children, of whom three are living: D. G., of Arkansas; J. G., our subject; and R. P., of Portland, Oregon. The father subsequently married again and to this union were born four children, of whom the only one now living is Ina, of Ottumwa. The great-grandfather of our subject, William Dana, served as a captain in the Revolutionary war, while the oldest brother of J. G. Dana held the same rank in the Civil war, serving in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry throughout that conflict. He has passed away, his remains being interred in the Kirkville cemetery. Another brother, D. G. Dana, also rendered military service during the great strife between the north and south.

J. G. Dana of this review was reared upon the home farm, acquiring his education in the schools of the neighborhood and assisting his father with agricultural work until twenty-two years of age. He then rented land in Richland township and in 1876 removed to Mills county, this state, where he bought a farm which he cultivated for two decades. He then disposed of his interests to advantage and returned to Wapello county, where he bought a farm of forty acres adjoining the town limits of Kirkville, and there he still lives. Throughout life he has followed the most advanced methods and has succeeded because

he combined judicious management with thrift, industry and indefatigable energy.

In 1871 Mr. Dana married Miss Henrietta Slutts, a daughter of T. and Eliza (Reed) Slutts, natives of Ohio, who located in Richland township, Wapello county, in 1865. Both parents are deceased. In their family were seven children, all of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Dana have two children: Blanche, who married Rev. A. E. Talley, now deceased, his widow residing in Minnesota; and J. N., who attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and is now treasurer of the Redpath-Chautauqua Company, his duties just now confining him to South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Dana are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the former being one of the officers in that organization.

Mr. Dana is a republican and has served on the town and school boards. Two years ago he was appointed postmaster of Kirkville and is now giving great satisfaction in that position. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 442, A. F. & A. M., and is treasurer of the same. He is popular wherever known and esteemed for his high principles of manhood, and his many excellent qualities commend him to the respect and confidence of the public.

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### WILLIAM T. ARCHER.

William T. Archer, of Ottumwa, is manager for southern Iowa for the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of Los Angeles and is also secretary and treasurer of the American Commercial Travelers Accident Association. His name is today well known in insurance circles, and the success which has come to him is the direct result of his enterprise, indefatigable energy and laudable ambition. Mr. Archer is a native of La Plata, Missouri, born March 15, 1863. His father, James M. Archer, was born near Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1822 and his life record covered a period of seventy-six years, being terminated in death in 1898. He taught school for about forty years, and a large number of the old residents of Macon county, Missouri, owe their education to him. He married Miss Deborah Allen, who was born near Louisville, Kentucky, in 1830 and died in 1871. In their family are three children who yet



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survive: Mary Josephine, the wife of William H. Dull of Sheldon, Missouri; Laura J., who married B. H. Greer of Hanna City, Illinois; and William T.

The last named acquired his education in the common schools of Missouri and was graduated from the high school of La Plata. He afterward engaged in farming and later turned his attention to commercial pursuits, working in a store evenings and mornings while attending school through the day. From the time of his mother's death he was dependent upon his own resources, and his gradual advancement has been the result of his determination and intelligently directed efforts. He was appointed to the railway postal service by Congressman W. H. Hatch, of Hannibal, Missouri, and acted in that capacity for seven years. He next entered the bakery business in Ottumwa in 1892 and conducted that for two years. He then sold out and went to Des Moines and was ticket agent in the Union depot for two years. He next became a traveling salesman for the Deering Harvester and the International Harvester Companies, representing that line of business from 1897 until 1904, when he turned his attention to the life-insurance business, becoming manager of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of Los Angeles for southern Iowa. This agency had the third largest increase in the United States in 1913, showing a careful systemization of the business and the wise direction and executive force of Mr. Archer. He is now secretary and treasurer of the American Commercial Travelers Accident Association, and his name has become a synonym for intense activity and energy in the field of insurance.

On December 22, 1891, Mr. Archer was united in marriage to Miss Clara S. Kraner, who was born in Ottumwa, a daughter of William and Rosa (Buedell) Kraner, of whom the father is now deceased. He was connected with the hardware trade and the brewing business. The mother was a native of Bavaria, Germany, and at an early age crossed the Atlantic as a passenger on a sailing vessel which was six weeks in completing the trip. To Mr. and Mrs. Archer have been born five children, three of whom are yet living: Ruth Josephine, who is now a senior in the high school of Ottumwa; Helen Loretta, a sophomore in the high school; and William Kraner, a bright boy of nine years, who displays noteworthy musical talent.

Mr. Archer gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and he and his family are members of the Episcopal

church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest, Mr. Archer serving now as president of the Fellowship Club in that church. He also belongs to Empire Lodge, No. 269, A. F. & A. M.; Clinton Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M.; Malta Commandery, No. 31, K. T.; and Kaaba Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Davenport, Iowa. He is likewise a valued and popular member in the Wapello Country and Commercial Clubs and in the last named has served as a director. These affiliations indicate his social nature, and his appreciation of the good qualities in others has been one of the strong factors in winning his large circle of friends. He is easily approachable and is never too busy to be courteous nor too courteous to be busy.

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### JAMES WILLIAM NEFF.

A well developed farm on section 2, Highland township, is the home property of James William Neff, who for a half century has been a resident of Wapello county and has therefore witnessed much of its growth and development. He was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, May 2, 1842, and is a son of Samuel and Harriet (Hamett) Neff. The father was born in Winchester, Virginia, and died in Bureau county, Illinois, about 1859, being then forty-five years of age. The mother, a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, passed away at the home of her son James William in 1902 at the advanced age of eighty-three years. In his youthful days Samuel Neff had accompanied his parents from the Old Dominion to Ohio and was married in that state, after which he removed with his family to Bureau county, Illinois, in 1848. There he secured a tract of land and carried on general agricultural pursuits until his death. In his family were eight children: John H., now deceased, who was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting from Bureau county in the Ninety-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years and then veteranized, remaining at the front until the close of hostilities; Francis Marion, who served throughout the war as a member of Battery I, Second Illinois Artillery, and is now deceased; Lewis Henry, who served throughout the war as a member of Company I, Second Illinois Artillery, and is now living in Santa Ana, California; James William, who was the fourth in order of birth; Catharine, the wife of J. O. Milli-

gan of Wakefield, Nebraska; Mrs. Lucinda Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Sarah Ross, both of whom have passed away; and Rufus, who is living in Cody, Wyoming.

James William Neff, like others of the father's family, had that strong spirit of patriotic devotion to country that manifested itself in military service. The smoke from Fort Sumter's guns had scarcely cleared away when, in April, 1861, he responded to the first call for troops to serve for three months, joining the Twelfth Illinois Infantry. When his military duty was over Mr. Neff followed farming on the old home place in Illinois, but later came to Iowa, making his way to Ottumwa. He purchased an eighty acre farm of prairie land a mile south of Hedrick, began to cultivate and develop it and thereon resided until he took up his abode in the town. There he engaged in merchandising and in dealing in grain for about fifteen years, the family, however, still remaining upon the farm. On the expiration of that period he removed to his present farm of sixty acres, three quarters of a mile southwest of Hedrick. He sold the farm upon which he had previously resided and also another tract which he had near it, comprising one hundred and sixty acres. His present possessions include a two hundred acre farm a mile south of his present home. At one time he owned four farms, all of which he developed and improved, making them model farm properties. He also owned the best residence in Hedrick. About eight years ago he went to Wyoming and purchased a large tract of state land in the Big Horn basin near Cody and there built an irrigation ditch, six miles in length, to irrigate his land, this ditch supplying water for nine hundred and twenty acres of his tract. The ditch was completed and the greater part of the land was placed under cultivation. He also became identified with the improvement of Cody and there erected a brick block, in which he now has four tenants, bringing to him a rental of one hundred and seventy-five dollars per month. He likewise owns a fine residence in Cody. His investments have ever been judiciously made and have brought to him substantial returns, showing him to be a man of sound business judgment and unfaltering enterprise.

In the fall of 1861 Mr. Neff was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Winner, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, in 1846 and died in this county in 1902, leaving four children: Idella, the wife of Andrew Lawson; Charles E., of Highland township, who is married and has eight children, one being deceased;



Elmer E., of Modesto, California, who is married and has two children; and James Brunson, a member of the United States navy. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson have five children, and they reside upon the home farm with the father, Mr. Lawson now acting as manager of the place.

Mr. Neff has earned the proud American title of a self-made man. Almost a half century ago he arrived in this county with a team, which he drove, bringing with him his wife and baby. He built a shanty on the prairie and lived and worked the way that others did who began life empty-handed. All that he now possesses has been acquired through his own earnest labor and wise investments. He carefully saved his earnings and as he did so purchased other property, which brought to him good returns. Year by year he added to his holdings and became a large landowner and the possessor of considerable valuable city realty. He invented and built the first two-horse corn plow and he was ever alert to methods of improving his farm in any way. His intelligently directed labor has been the secret of his gratifying success, placing him today among the substantial residents of the county. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864 and has since supported the candidates at the head of the republican ticket. His has been a well spent life and constitutes an example that others might wisely emulate. Today, at the age of seventy-two years, he is most comfortably situated and has no reason to feel financially anxious for the future.

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### GEORGE T. REDMON.

George T. Redmon is one of the substantial agriculturists of Highland township, where he owns a farm of one hundred and forty acres; moreover, there is honor due him as a veteran of the Civil war. He was one of those loyal sons of the Union who in the hour of need and stress took up the cause of the flag and offered his services to his country. He was born in Kentucky, April 6, 1845, his parents being William C. and Maria (Johnston) Redmon, both natives of that state, where they resided until their deaths. They had ten children, of whom six are still living.

George T. Redmon was reared in his Kentucky home, attending the schools of the neighborhood and remaining a member of his parents' household until seventeen years of age, when he enlisted in Company D, Thirty-seventh Kentucky Mounted Infantry. He served throughout the entire war, being most of the time on the skirmish line, and was mustered out in Louisville. He then returned to private life, remaining with his parents until 1867, when he moved to Wapello county, where he worked for a year as a farm hand. At the end of that time he rented a farm and for about thirty years continued as a renter, acquiring the means which enabled him to buy the farm which he now owns. His property comprises one hundred and forty acres and is in a high state of cultivation. It is improved with a set of excellent buildings which are modern and adequately equipped. Mr. Redmon has always been a leader in agricultural matters and has introduced new standards to his section of the county. While he has attained substantial independence he has given a valuable impetus toward development and has furthered the general prosperity.

On November 25, 1869, Mr. Redmon married Miss Susan F. McClung, a native of Indiana and a daughter of J. C. and Mary E. (Scott) McClung, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Indiana. They were married in Indiana and came to Iowa in 1847, locating on a farm in Wapello county, where the father built a log cabin with the proverbial clapboard roof and stick chimney and with a string latch hanging out, its doors always open to his neighbors and friends, who ever found in him a kind and hospitable host. There the parents resided until their deaths. They had seven children, of whom four are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Redmon had six children: Arvel C., a graduate of Ottumwa Business College, now a resident of Hedrick; Mary A., who died at the age of six years; Edith E., a graduate of Ames College and formerly a school teacher, who married E. I. Dewell of South Dakota, who was also graduated from Ames College and now follows mercantile pursuits; Finkle L., a graduate of a business college in Quincy, Illinois, and a merchant of Hedrick; Alice L., a graduate of the Cedar Falls College and of the University of Chicago, an artist of exceptional ability, who is now residing in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where she is art supervisor of schools; and Jessie M., a graduate of the Cedar Falls College, who subsequently took a

business course in Des Moines and is now deputy county superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Redmon are members of the Christian church, and both take a deep interest in its work. They are highly esteemed by all who know them and have many friends in Highland township. Politically Mr. Redmon is a republican, loyally supporting that party, and he has served as township trustee and school director. Fraternally he is a member of the blue lodge of Masons, having filled all of the chairs in the local organization, and he also belongs to Post No. 484, G. A. R.

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### CASWELL BREON.

Caswell Breon, engaged in general farming, has since 1890 resided upon the place which is now his home, comprising two hundred and fifty-five acres on sections 7 and 18, Competine township. It was in this township that he was born December 2, 1857, his parents being John and Diana (Craft) Breon, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Indiana respectively. The year 1852 witnessed their arrival in Wapello county, at which time they took up their abode upon a farm. With the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Breon, aroused by the spirit of patriotism, responded to the country's call for troops and went to the front. While on active duty he was captured and sent to the Confederate prison at Tyler, Texas, where he died. His widow survives at the age of seventy-six years. In their family were three children: Eli, who makes his home in Highland township; Sarah J., deceased; and Caswell, of this review.

At the age of fourteen years Caswell Breon started out to make his own way in the world and has since depended entirely upon energy and close application for the attainment of success. He had no special advantages nor the aid of influential friends when he began for himself. He first worked by the month, but, being ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he later rented a farm, which he conducted for eight years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings, practicing economy as well as industry, and in 1890 he purchased the farm upon which he now lives—an excellent tract of two hundred and fifty-five acres on sections 7 and 18, Competine township. He carries on general agricultural pursuits, and his place is well improved.







CASWELL BREON AND FAMILY



BARN ON THE BREON HOMESTEAD



RESIDENCE OF CASWELL BREON



its neat and thrifty appearance indicating his careful supervision and practical methods.

On January 3, 1878, Mr. Breon was united in marriage to Miss Martha E. Parker, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Canada) Parker, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Delaware. About forty-five years ago they came to Iowa and settled upon a farm here, remaining residents of Wapello county until the death of Mr. Parker. His widow subsequently removed to North Dakota, where she passed away. In their family were nine children, eight of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Breon became the parents of four children: J. A., a resident of Highland township; John M., also living in that township; Ada B., the wife of James Robison of Jefferson county, Iowa; and Mary E., the wife of Louis Kopsieker of Keokuk county, Iowa. A grandson, Glenn L., is living with Mr. and Mrs. Breon.

Mr. Breon is a self-made man. He started out in life with nothing and has accumulated a handsome fortune as the result of his well directed thrift and enterprise. He early learned that industry is the strongest force in winning success, and he has been most diligent in all of his work. In his political views Mr. Breon is a democrat, but has neither sought nor held political office. He has served, however, as a member of the school board for many years and believes in giving children good opportunities along educational lines. He himself had few advantages in his youth and, therefore, he has come to realize just how important and valuable are the opportunities which qualify one for the responsibilities of later life.

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## PHILIP MOTT.

Sixty years have come and gone since Philip Mott arrived in Wapello county and throughout the greater part of the intervening years to the present time he has made his home in this section of the state, identified with agricultural pursuits. He was born in Baden, Germany, November 22, 1830, a son of Jacob and Mary Mott, who spent their entire lives in their native land, where the father learned and followed the wagon-maker's trade. Unto him and his wife were born five sons and two daughters: Philip; Lawrence, who served in the Confeder-



ate army in the Civil war and is now a resident of Ottumwa; Edward, whose home is in Chillicothe, Iowa; and Mrs. Caroline Slowgates, deceased. There were also three who died in Germany.

Philip Mott was reared in the land of his birth and was a young man of about twenty-four years when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, sailing for New Orleans, whence he made his way up the Mississippi river to Wapello county. Here he has lived for many years but on three different occasions has crossed the plains. In 1862 he made a trip with ox teams to Idaho and the next time went to Montana, while a third trip was made to Nevada. All three trips were made while the west was still a pioneer region and such journeys were fraught with many hardships and difficulties, if not with dangers. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Mott attempted to enlist but was rejected. Most of his life has been devoted to farming and for sixty years he has resided on his present place, comprising one hundred twelve and a half acres on section 12, Center township. He has been actively engaged in its development and still gives supervision to the farm work, although he is now eighty-four years of age.

In 1872 occurred the marriage of Mr. Mott and Miss Margaret Striker, who was born in Baden, Germany, and died in 1906, at the age of seventy-one years. She came to the United States about 1852 and joined a brother in New Orleans. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mott were born twelve children: Mary, now the wife of Mat Mier, living on a farm not far from her father's place; Joseph, of Montana; Henry, also of that state; John, of Colorado; Annie, the wife of Jacob Mier, of Center township; Frank, living in Colorado; Maggie, the wife of George Mier, of Center township; Caroline, the wife of William Coyn, of Center township; Antony, whose home is in Arizona; Jacob, of Montana; and Peter and William, both at home. All of the children were born upon the old homestead farm and all are still surviving.

In politics Mr. Mott is a stanch democrat and his religious belief is indicated in his membership in St. Patrick's Catholic church of South Ottumwa. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for here he has found good opportunities and in their improvement has gained substantial success. His trips to the west brought him intimate knowledge of frontier life and he has had many unusual

experiences, which he relates in an interesting manner. He can tell many a tale of the early days in this part of the state, when the work of civilization and development seemed scarcely begun.

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### CHARLES T. AREINGDALE.

Charles T. Areingdale, engaged in general farming on section 4, Center township, was born March 4, 1866, at the place where he still resides. His parents were Richard and Mary (Cissne) Areingdale, the former born in Maryland in 1827 and the latter in Ohio on the 6th of January, 1840. She came to Iowa with her parents in 1855, the family home being established in Ottumwa, and in that city she gave her hand in marriage to Richard Areingdale, who had arrived in 1854. Their wedding was celebrated on the 10th of December, 1861, and in 1864 they took up their abode upon the farm where they continued to reside until Mr. Areingdale put aside the active work of the fields in 1898 and removed to Ottumwa, where he lived retired to the time of his death, which occurred on the 15th of January, 1903. His widow still survives and now makes her home on North McLain street in Ottumwa. Mr. Areingdale was a carpenter by trade, acquainting himself with that business when but sixteen years of age. He did the woodwork on the old courthouse and built many residences and store buildings in Ottumwa, being thus identified with building operations in the city until he took up his abode upon the farm in 1864, at which time he purchased eighty acres of land. To this he added as his financial resources increased and was the owner of three hundred and eighty acres of splendidly improved land at the time of his demise. For many years he was a school director. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and his religious faith was that of the Baptist church. He displayed many sterling traits of character, and confidence and good-will were entertained for him by all who knew him. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Areingdale were born four children: Edward, who is living in Ottumwa; Charles T.; Nora, who died at the age of twenty years; and Arthur, who is living on a part of the home place.

Charles T. Areingdale has always made his home on the old home place and is today the owner of two hundred acres of rich

and arable land. He has erected a good residence and made many other improvements upon his place, which in its neat and attractive appearance indicates the careful supervision and progressive methods of the owner. His plowing, planting and harvesting are done along most practical and progressive lines and excellent results have attended his efforts.

On the 29th of March, 1904, Mr. Areingdale was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Burk, who was born in Michigan and is a daughter of M. and Julia (Powell) Burk. Her mother is now deceased and her father makes his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Areingdale have one daughter, Alice M.

Mr. Areingdale gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but does not seek nor desire office for himself, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his agricultural interests with the result that his close application and energy are bringing to him gratifying and well deserved success. In fact, he is accounted one of the prosperous farmers of his community and his progressiveness is manifest in the attractive appearance of his place and its many modern improvements.

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#### F. A. SWARD.

F. A. Sward, assistant cashier of the Farson Savings Bank, was born in Illinois on the 9th of July, 1887, and is, therefore, a young man of but twenty-seven years. His parents are James A. and Anna M. (Swanson) Sward, both of whom are natives of Sweden. The father was born November 4, 1858, and was a son of Jones and Mary Sward, both of whom were natives of Sweden, in which country they spent their entire lives. James A. Sward was one of a family of four children, three of whom are yet living, all being residents of America. It was in 1881 that J. A. Sward crossed the Atlantic to the United States, first settling in Henry county, Illinois, and in 1902 he removed to Wapello county, purchasing the farm upon which he now resides, comprising one hundred and fifteen acres of rich and productive land on section 15, Competine township. This was partially improved, but with characteristic energy he began its further development and cultivation and has now an excellent property, supplied with all of the equipments of a model farm of the twentieth century. He makes a specialty of raising and

feeding stock, and his success has been the direct result of his energy and close application. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party since he became a naturalized American citizen, but he has never sought nor desired public office. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are highly esteemed in the community where they make their home. It was in 1886 that James A. Sward married Miss Anna Swanson, who was born in Sweden and came to America in 1882. She, too, settled in Henry county, Illinois, and there the marriage was celebrated. Unto them were born five children: F. A., of this review; Josephine W.; Oscar W.; Eva Irene; and Albert R. The last four are all yet at home.

F. A. Sward was a young lad when his parents came to Iowa. He continued at home until he had attained his majority and was well trained in habits of industry and economy. He is a graduate of the Martinsburg high school and of the Cedar Rapids Commercial College, in which he completed his course in 1913. This training well qualifies him for the work which he has undertaken. For four years he engaged in teaching school, but, thinking to find other pursuits more profitable and congenial, he accepted his present position in the Farson Savings Bank as assistant cashier. He is a courteous and obliging official, loyal to the welfare of the institution which he represents and at the same time carefully attending to the interests of its patrons.

On the 11th of March, 1914, Mr. Sward was united in marriage to Miss Helen Newman, who was born in Iowa, a daughter of Carey and Charlotte (Sauer) Newman, who are now residents of Wapello county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sward hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and they are highly esteemed by a large circle of warm friends in the section of the county in which they make their home.

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### J. L. WARNER.

J. L. Warner is a resident farmer of Center township, living on section 14, which was the original homestead claim of the family, entered from the government by his father in 1843. It was upon this place that J. L. Warner was born October 20, 1859, his parents being Sylvester and Juliet (Ford) Warner.



The father was born in Oneida county, New York, November 21, 1817, and the mother's birth occurred in Cattaraugus county, New York, May 30, 1829. She came to Iowa with her brother, John Ford, when about fifteen years of age. They were orphans and from early boyhood and girlhood were dependent upon their own resources.

In 1837 Sylvester Warner removed from the east to St. Francisville, Missouri. He was connected with the work of making the first geographical survey of the Des Moines river, being thus engaged for two years, after which he lived with his father in Van Buren county, Iowa. By trade he was a blacksmith, but owing to impaired eyesight turned his attention to farming. When Wapello county was open to settlement in 1843 he made his way hither and set his stakes at midnight on the night the district was opened to the white man. Upon the claim which he thus secured he spent his remaining days and converted it into a well improved farm. He was the builder of the first wagon ever made in Ottumwa, and he also assisted in building the first log house. On that occasion there was a log raising or bee and Mr. Warner, being a mechanic, was made overseer of the work. In the fall of 1841 he and Dr. Hubbard made the trip in an ox cart to Fort Des Moines, which was before this district was open to white settlement. He became well acquainted with Black Hawk, Keokuk, Wapello and Appanoose, four well known Indian chiefs. He served as a blacksmith in the Black Hawk war. He went to enlist for active duty as a soldier and when it was learned he possessed mechanical talent of that character he was put to work in the blacksmith shop. Few men were more closely associated with the early development and progress of the county, and as one of its pioneer settlers he well deserves mention in this volume. He lived to witness remarkable changes as the country was taken over from the red men and utilized for the purpose of civilization. In politics he was a stanch democrat for many years and later became a socialist. His religious faith was that of the Spiritualist church. He died in the year 1892, having for two years survived his wife, who passed away March 15, 1890. In their family were nine children: George E., of Agency; J. L., of this review; Ella L., at home; Guy N. and Juliet, at home, and Annie, Jacob, Sarah and Charles, who passed away in early childhood.

J. L. Warner has spent his entire life upon the farm which he now occupies and which he owns in connection with his sis-

ters, Ella and Juliet. The place comprises one hundred and eighty acres and they also have twenty-seven acres south of the river. Mr. Warner is engaged in dairying and stock-raising and milks on an average of twelve cows. He raises his own dairy stock and also horses and hogs. In business affairs he is energetic and enterprising and is meeting with success in his undertaking.

Mr. Warner is a member of the National Spiritualist Organization and a charter member of the local organization. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, but he never seeks nor desires office as a reward for party fealty. He is today well known as a representative of one of the old pioneer families of the county and for almost fifty-five years has been a witness of its growth and progress. He has lived to see its wild lands converted into highly cultivated farms, its villages transformed into cities and all of the evidences of modern business enterprise and of modern civilization introduced.

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### DIETRICH CLAUSEN.

Dietrich Clausen is one of that class of German-Americans who have made good use of the opportunities presented in this country and who have attained to success by their own efforts. He is entitled to the proud name of self-made man and there is due him all credit for what he has achieved. He is a prosperous farmer of Highland township, where he owns three hundred and fifty-five acres of land, all well improved and in good bearing. He was born in Germany, June 4, 1862, a son of Albert and Eliza (Stake) Clausen, natives of Germany, who died in that country. Their son Dietrich was one of five children born to his parents: Margaret, a resident of Germany; Rebecca, the wife of Henry Custer of Logan county, Illinois; Dietrich, of this review; and two who have passed away.

Mr. Clausen of this review received a common-school education in his native country, and when seventeen years of age crossed the Atlantic, making his way to Illinois, where he worked for some time as a farm hand. After five years he was married and subsequently rented land in Illinois for twenty-two years. Being thrifty and careful of his earnings, he had acquired the means to make himself independent and came to Wapello

county, where he bought three hundred and fifty-five acres of land. This farm is now under high cultivation, and his buildings are in the best of repair. He is a progressive, up-to-date agriculturist, always following the latest methods, and the best of machinery and equipment can be found upon his place. His buildings are substantial, modernly equipped, sanitary and well lighted. He has succeeded because he has always applied himself closely to matters at hand and because he has never deviated from his course.

Mr. Clausen was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Knollenberg, a native of Germany and a daughter of Henry and Katherine Knollenberg, who came to America about 1886, locating on a farm in Logan county, Illinois, where both passed away. They had eleven children, of whom ten are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Clausen were the parents of eleven children: Henry, Lena, Minnie, Emma, Elizabeth, John, William, Dietrich, Fredericka, Albert and Edward. Mr. Clausen has always interested himself in educational matters and is now serving in his second year as a school director of his district. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and devoted to that faith, generously contributing to the local church. He is a democrat by political persuasion and at present is serving as trustee of Highland township. He is considered to be one of the well-to-do farmers of his neighborhood and much credit must be given him for his achievement, although he modestly concedes that it is, largely due to the help of his good wife that he has so admirably succeeded. He is a thoroughly public-spirited and patriotic American citizen and has done much toward promoting prosperity in his township, being ever ready to make personal sacrifices to this end.

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#### GUY N REID.

Guy N. Reid, a photographer of Ottumwa, having established a gallery in this city in 1905, is recognized as a most capable exponent of his art. He was born in Defiance county, Ohio, February 25, 1882, and is a son of J. W. and Ella Grace (Langdon) Reid, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state. The maternal grandfather settled in Ohio in the early '30s and was a tavern keeper in the pioneer period. J. W. Reid



GUY N. REID





learned the art of photography and in 1908 he joined his son Guy in Ottumwa and was in partnership with him for two years, but is now located in Decatur, Illinois. As time has advanced he has kept abreast with modern processes and has devoted his entire life to his art. Unto him and his wife have been born two children: Guy N.; and Lake E., now of St. Louis, Missouri.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, Guy N. Reid pursued his education in the public schools, completing a high-school course. He then took up the study of photography at Van Wert, Ohio, and also was for two years an apprentice. His thorough training and practical experience constituted an excellent foundation upon which to build his later success. Removing to Toledo, Ohio, he there continued in business for one year, after which he went to Mansfield, Ohio, where he spent one year. He was afterward again in Van Wert for two years and on the 9th of March, 1905, he arrived in Ottumwa and purchased his present studio, which he has since occupied. This is splendidly equipped with all modern facilities for turning out the most artistic work. He understands the most improved processes of the art and, moreover has a splendid recognition of the variations of light, shade and pose, so that he has accomplished splendid results and is accorded a liberal patronage.

On the 24th of October, 1905, Mr. Reid was united in marriage to Miss Ethel May Standish, who was born in Ohio on the 8th of October, 1883, and is a daughter of M. H. and Esther (Ekfelt) Standish, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state and are now living in Boise, Idaho. Mr. Standish was a pioneer of Kansas, and his family numbered ten children, including Mrs. Reid, who was graduated from the high school at Van Wert, Ohio, with the class of 1902 and for three years engaged successfully in teaching the primary grade in the Van Wert public schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Reid have been born two children: Rowena Grace, born March 26, 1907, and Lawrence Standish, born February 2, 1909.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Reid is a Royal Arch Mason. In politics he is a progressive, believing in the advanced step which has been made to break away from old party ties and the rule of the machine, and seeking the best interests of the majority, without regard to class distinctions. He has never sought nor desired office, however, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business interests. He is a member of the Photographic Guild of Iowa, of which he

is past president, and the Photographic Association of America. He is a young man, ambitious and energetic and, moreover, possesses a love for his art that constitutes one of the features in his growing success.

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### E. D. DAVIS.

A student of history cannot carry his investigations far into the annals of Wapello county, and especially of Compentine township, without learning that the Davis family has figured most prominently and honorably in connection with the agricultural development of this part of the state. Since pioneer days the family has been represented here, and for almost six decades E. D. Davis has been not only a witness of the growth and development of Wapello county, but also an active participant in much that has been wrought for its present prosperity. He was born in this county December 25, 1855, and is a son of William and Priscilla (Mowery) Davis, who are mentioned in connection with the record of George W. Davis on another page of this work. Like others of the household, E. D. Davis remained at home, performing such tasks as were assigned him by parental authority and dividing his time with the work of the school-room. When his text-books were put aside he concentrated his energies upon farm work and upon school teaching. He had supplemented his early educational training by a college course and for some time he successfully engaged in teaching, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired. When twenty-eight years of age he was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Eller, who was born in this county and is a daughter of Harvey E. and Mary C. (Vannoy) Eller, both of whom were natives of North Carolina. At an early day they came to Iowa and their remaining days were passed in Wapello county. In their family were fifteen children, of whom eleven are still living.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Davis began their domestic life upon the farm where they now reside, and he has become owner of three hundred and fifty acres in Compentine township, constituting an excellent and well developed tract. He has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation, and has added many modern improvements to the farm, so that the place is one

of the attractive features in the landscape. He has also a half interest in eighty acres in Dahlonga township, and in his business he makes a specialty of stock-raising, handling good grades of horses, cattle and hogs. Everything about his place bespeaks the thrift and enterprise of the owner, whose work is carefully managed and whose energy has been the secret of his growing success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been born nine children: Wilbur C., now living in this county; Edward C., a teacher of agriculture at St. Paul, Minnesota; Harry, deceased; Clarence J., now a student in the State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa; Mary C.; O. E.; Herbert P.; Roy M., and Raymond L., the younger children all attending school and living at home. The parents are members of the Baptist church, in the work of which they take an active interest, Mr. Davis serving now as school treasurer. His political support is given the democratic party and, while he has never sought nor desired political office, he has served as school treasurer for ten years, being the present incumbent in that position. He represents one of the well known old families of the county and, having lived here for fifty-eight years, he is familiar with much of the history of the development and progress in this part of the state. He can remember a time when much of the land was still uncultivated, when country homes were small and when now thriving cities were tiny towns. In the years which have since come and gone he has displayed a keen interest in the changes which have been wrought and has ever borne his part in the work of general improvement.

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### BENJAMIN L. DENNY.

Benjamin L. Denny, who conducts a general mercantile establishment in Highland Center, is to be numbered among Wapello county's successful business men. He was born in this county May 27, 1883, and is a son of William and Mary Denny, whose life record is treated at greater length in another part of this work. He received his education in the county schools and remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age. He then decided upon a mercantile career and established himself in Highland Center, where he now conducts a general store, carrying a complete and well assorted stock. His business policy



has ever been above reproach and as he is personally courteous and obliging, he enjoys a large patronage, his customers coming to him from a wide territory. He is up-to-date in his methods and carefully caters to local tastes and wants. His displays are always attractive and his goods reliable, and it is therefore but natural that his business is steadily growing. On November 10, 1910, Mr. Denny was also appointed postmaster of Highland Center, and has since discharged the duties of that office.

On Christmas day of 1905 Mr. Denny married Miss Maud E. Willard, who was born in Marion, Kansas, and is a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Thurman) Willard, the father born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Kansas. The former died September 16, 1908, and his widow is now residing near Ottumwa. In their family were four children, all of whom are living. Mrs. Denny attended the Ottumwa high school, making good use of her educational opportunities. She and her husband have one son, Cullen Bane, who was born June 20, 1907. Politically Mr. Denny is a democrat, being influential in the local councils of the party. He and his wife attend the Christian church, to which they generously contribute, and fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 269, A. F. & A. M. He is respected by his fellow citizens because of his manly qualities of character, because of his business integrity and because he is a useful and public-spirited citizen.

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### F. L. WARDER.

F. L. Warder, cashier of the Farson Savings Bank at Farson, has been a lifelong resident of Wapello county, his birth having occurred in Pleasant township, July 24, 1879, his parents being John C. and Nancy A. (Goudy) Warder, the former a native of Ohio. The mother was born in this county and is a representative of one of its old pioneer families. Both are still living and their family circle, including twelve children, has never been broken by the hand of death—a remarkable record.

F. L. Warder, whose name introduces this review, spent his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads. He became a pupil in the district school near his father's home and through the summer months assisted in farm work, being thus engaged until he reached the age of twenty-one. Thinking to find other

pursuits more congenial, and also hoping to find them more profitable than agriculture, he left home and secured a clerkship in the Ottumwa National Bank, where he remained for a year. On the expiration of that period he purchased an interest in the Doty Clothing Company, with which he was connected for three years. He then established the Farson Savings Bank in 1905, became its cashier, and is still active in that capacity. He is a graduate of the Gem City Business College of Quincy, Illinois. He has closely applied himself to his work, and the thoroughness and energy with which he has executed the tasks devolving upon him have developed his powers and made him a resourceful and forceful business man.

In 1903 Mr. Warder was united in marriage to Miss Lorene Lemberger of Burlington, Iowa, a daughter of John L. and Mary (Semshorn) Lemberger, who are now residents of Los Angeles, California. In their family were four children, all of whom yet survive. Mr. and Mrs. Warder hold membership in the Congregational church and are greatly esteemed in the community where they reside because of various attractive social qualities and genuine character worth. They own and occupy a fine residence in Farson, and Mr. Warder is also the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred and seven acres on section 5, Pleasant township, from which he derives a substantial annual income. It is now a recognized fact that whatever he undertakes he accomplishes if the result can be attained through straightforward, honorable effort, and thus he has made for himself a creditable position in the business circles of the county.

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### CHARLES W. McCARTY.

Charles W. McCarty, postmaster of Ottumwa, is a popular citizen, widely and favorably known in this county. In the discharge of the duties of his present position he is always prompt and capable, and businesslike methods are manifest in the control of all the interests of the office. Wapello county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred within her borders on the 14th of April, 1864. He is a son of John W. and Margaret J. (Warren) McCarty, natives of Ohio, whence they came to Iowa with their respective parents, and all four of the

grandparents continued residents of Wapello county until called to their final rest, their graves being in this county. John W. McCarty devoted the greater part of his life to the profession of school teaching, but passed away when a comparatively young man of thirty-six years, his death occurring February 22, 1874. His widow still survives and makes her home with her children. In their family were five children: Charles W.; A. C., who was killed in a railroad accident; Maggie, deceased; W. F., living in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and John H., of Stockport, Iowa.

Charles W. McCarty has spent the greater part of his life in Wapello county, where he was reared upon a farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors incident to the development of the fields. When seventeen years of age he entered the railroad service as a telegraph operator and for nearly a quarter of a century was connected with the Rock Island Railroad Company. He was acting as cashier in the local freight office at the time he was nominated and elected county auditor in November, 1906. He has since been continuously in public office and the record which he has made as a public servant is most commendable. After serving as auditor for two years he was re-elected and at the close of his second term he was made deputy auditor, in which position he continued for a year and a half, when he resigned to become postmaster of Ottumwa, his commission being dated July 23, 1913. He has been a lifelong democrat, never changing his party affiliation, and he has labored earnestly to promote the growth and insure the success of his party.

In 1890 Mr. McCarty was married to Miss Sophia Houk, a native of Wapello county, and a daughter of Jacob and Cloe J. (Comstock) Houk, who were early settlers here and continued to make their home in Wapello county throughout their remaining days. The father was a farmer by occupation and devoted his entire life to that pursuit save for three years, in which he served his country as a soldier in the Civil war. His wife was a daughter of Dr. A. B. Comstock, one of the pioneer physicians of this county, who rode horseback over a large section of the country, undeterred by the hardships and difficulties that attend the physician who practices in a frontier region. He became a large landowner, was well known and was highly respected by all. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCarty have been born four children: Gladys M., at home; Merrill and Vera, who are now attending the Ottumwa high school; and Pauline, who is also in school.

The family are Presbyterians in religious faith, and Mr. McCarty gives generously in support of the church and takes an active part in its work. Fraternally he is connected with Ottumwa Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M., and with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and he is loyal to their teachings concerning the brotherhood of man and the obligations of mutual helpfulness. His long residence in the county has brought him a wider acquaintance, and his many sterling traits of character have gained for him the enduring regard of those with whom he has been associated.

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### GEORGE W. DAVIS, SR.

George W. Davis is the owner of an excellent farm property in Compentine township and his possessions are the visible evidence of a life of well directed energy and thrift. He was born October 9, 1853, and is a son of William and Priscilla (Mowery) Davis, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. In 1852 the father came to Iowa. His marriage occurred in Jefferson county, this state, and he established his home upon a farm in Wapello county. Mr. Davis at once began to till the soil and in due time gathered good crops. Year by year he carried on the work of the farm until he was called to his final rest in 1903. He is still survived by his wife, who has reached the advanced age of eighty years. In their family were eight children, of whom George W., E. D., C. F., O. C., and B. F. are all residents of Compentine township. I. O. makes his home in Pleasant township. Ida is the wife of L. B. Ulery of California, and Mary is the wife of S. J. Ulery, whose home is in Ontario, California.

George W. Davis, Sr., spent his youthful days under the parental roof and during that period acquired a public-school education, while later he concentrated his energies upon farm work. He had liberal training in the best methods of tilling the soil, and his practical experience well qualified him to take charge of a farm of his own when he started out in life on his own account. He purchased two hundred and ninety-seven and a half acres of land on section 2, Compentine township, and at once began to improve the property by the development of the fields and the erection of good buildings. He now has an attrac-



tive and commodious residence and substantial barns and sheds. He utilizes the latest and improved machinery in the work of the fields and he keeps on hand good grades of stock. Everything about his place is attractive by reason of the spirit of thrift and enterprise which there prevails.

On April 5, 1879, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Anna Coffey, who was born in Missouri, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Dalten) Coffey, natives of Ireland, whence they came to America in 1848. At first they located in Ohio and afterward removed to Missouri, where both Mr. and Mrs. Coffey passed away. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born four children, C. O., C. A. L. A. and G. C., but the last named is now deceased.

Mr. Davis belongs to Abingdon Lodge, No. 104, A. F. & A. M., and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. His political support is given the democratic party, and for fifteen years he served as town assessor and clerk, proving most capable in the discharge of his duties. For thirty years he has been a member of the school board, and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend. His energies and activities have placed him in a prominent position as a successful agriculturist and as a representative and reliable business man.

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### J. T. FORSYTH.

J. T. Forsyth may well be termed a self-made man, for the success which he now enjoys is the result of his own well directed efforts. Since the spring of 1901 he has resided upon his present farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres on section 4, Center township. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1848, a son of James and Sarah (Perry) Forsyth, who were natives of County Down, Ireland, the father born December 2, 1815, and the mother on the 30th of October, 1821. In 1840 James Forsyth sailed for America, landing in New York where he worked in the market. He later went to western Pennsylvania and worked on a steamboat, then rented a farm and sent for his parents. In 1844 he returned to Ireland for his marriage and soon afterward brought his bride to the new world. They came in a sailing vessel, taking six weeks for the trip. They established their home in Pennsylvania, where they resided until 1851.



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In that year they came to Wapello county, settling in Richland township. This was then a frontier region in which the work of civilization and improvement seemed scarcely begun. Mr. Forsyth entered land from the government near Kirkville and began the arduous task of developing a new farm. As the years went on he brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and won the merited reward of persistent, earnest effort along agricultural lines. Both he and his wife passed away near Kirkville, the former March 8, 1885, and the latter on the 8th of July, of the same year. They were Presbyterians in religious faith, and their forefathers were driven from Scotland at the time of persecution because of their belief. In his political views Mr. Forsyth was a stanch democrat, never faltering in his allegiance to the party. Unto him and his wife were born ten children: Elizabeth Parker, now deceased; James, who died in Ottumwa; J. T., of this review; R. George W., of Richland township; Sarah, who has passed away; Fannie, the deceased wife of Silas Warren; Mary, the deceased wife of James Olney; Charles, who has departed this life; Melila, of Seattle, Washington, who has engaged in teaching for more than twenty-five years; and Jennie, the wife of Eli Warren, of Indianola, Iowa. Jennie, Fannie and James were also successful teachers.

J. T. Forsyth spent his boyhood days under the parental roof and assisted his father until twenty-two years of age. In 1870 he was married and began farming on his own account, northeast of Kirkville, where he resided for nine years. He then went to Union county, where he lived for twenty-two years. After renting land for three years he purchased property, his industry and economy making this step possible. After more than two decades spent in that county he disposed of his property and returned to Wapello county in the spring of 1901. Here he invested in one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, which is now a well improved and valuable farm, constituting one of the attractive features in the landscape.

It was on the 22d of December, 1870, that Mr. Forsyth married Miss Mary C. Chisman, who was born in Indiana, May 14, 1851, and in the fall of 1854 was brought to this county by her parents, John and Catharine M. (Goodwin) Chisman, who were also natives of the Hoosier state, but spent their last days in Ottumwa. Mrs. Chisman, who was born August 27, 1831, died June 30, 1913, at the advanced age of almost eighty-two years. Mr. Chisman, who was born in 1821, departed this life June 4th,



1896. He always followed farming, thus providing for the support of his family, which numbered five children: George N., living in Ottumwa; Mrs. Forsyth; Simon K., a resident of Blakesburg; Douglas E., of Oneida county, New York; and William P., whose home is in Albia, Iowa. A number of the Chisman family have been school teachers. The father of Mrs. Forsyth taught school in this county in the early days and her brothers, Douglas and William, were also successful teachers, while the latter later became a lawyer.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth were born nine children: William, who died at the age of two and a half years; Della, the wife of John Seth of Adams township, by whom she has three children; Robert, of Ottumwa, who is married and has one child; Bertha, the wife of John Power of Dillon, Montana, by whom she has three children; Edmond Q., of Great Falls, Montana; Anthony C., of Monroe county, Iowa, who has one child; Mary Matilda, the wife of Fred Ross of Ottumwa, and the mother of two children; Dora, the wife of Spencer Miller, of Center township, and the mother of two children; and Arthur Raymond, who died at the age of two and a half years. Of this family, Ed enlisted from Nebraska on the 13th of May, 1898, for service in the Spanish-American war and was mustered out in the following October. He then enlisted for service in the regular army, with which he was on duty for six years. He was twice in the Philippines, was also on duty in China, Australia and Alaska. He is a man of splendid physique, being six feet in height and weighing two hundred and forty pounds. Robert Forsyth engaged in teaching in early manhood and is now foreman in the Hutchison Wholesale Grocery house. The Forsyth family is a large one, the members of whom meet annually in a family reunion.

Mr. Forsyth is a democrat in his political views and while living in Union county served as justice of the peace. He has also filled the office of road supervisor, but has preferred to confine his attention to his business affairs rather than to seek office. In addition to farming he is a director of the High Point Telephone Company, occupying this position since the line was established. He is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of this section of Iowa and can relate many interesting incidents of the early days. His father went to mill many times with ox teams, driving to Burlington, which was the nearest point at which he could have his grist ground. He had nothing to

take but corn and J. T. Forsyth never saw wheat bread until he was ten years of age. When the mill was established at Bonaparte, forty miles from Ottumwa, it was thought to be very near. There were few advantages to be enjoyed in those early days. The settlers had to depend entirely upon what they could raise, and they depended upon each other for assistance in many lines of work. The spirit of helpfulness was prevalent, and each neighbor seemed willing to aid those near him. Mr. Forsyth has lived to witness remarkable changes in the methods of farming, as the crude machinery of pioneer days has been done away with through modern invention and been supplanted by the splendid agricultural implements and machinery of the present. He has also lived to see the pioneer homes replaced by commodious modern residences, while the farmers, who had to go forty or sixty miles or even greater distances to mill, now have almost all the conveniences of city life. The telephone has brought them into instant communication with the city and the rural free delivery keeps them in constant contact with the world's activities and progress.

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### HOMER B. PATTERSON.

Homer B. Patterson is one of the county supervisors of Wapello county, to which position he was elected in 1910. He makes his home in Ottumwa, but for many years has been identified with farming and stock-raising interests in this part of the state. His birth occurred in Davis county, Iowa, August 4, 1872, has parents being Thomas and Mary Jane (Pollard) Patterson, natives of Indiana, the former born July 10, 1832, the latter April 5, 1835. In their childhood days they came to Iowa with their respective parents, the Patterson and Pollard families being established in Davis county where they were reared and married, their marriage occurring February 12, 1857. Thomas Patterson made farming his life work and thus provided for his family of eight children, three of whom are now deceased, while five still survive. The father passed away October 25, 1895, the mother May 2, 1889.

Homer B. Patterson was reared in the county of his nativity and in his youthful days divided his time between the work of the fields and the acquirement of an education in the public

schools. He continued his residence in Davis county until 1902, when he came to Ottumwa and entered the grocery business, on the south side of the city, there conducting his trade for eight years. He then sold out and for a year engaged in farming, and he still owns his land north of the city. He buys and sells many horses and has engaged in this business for a number of years. He is considered an excellent judge of horses, and thus his purchases have been judiciously made and his sales have brought to him a good profit. As previously stated, he was elected to the board of county supervisors in 1910 and is proving a most capable official in that connection.

Mr. Patterson was married January 19, 1902, to Miss Angie L. Trisler, a native of Davis county, born May 15, 1873. Her parents were John and Nancy Jane (Garretson) Trisler, the former born March 1, 1843, and the latter November 11, 1843. Their marriage was solemnized May 22, 1870. Mrs. Patterson departed this life, having passed away May 14, 1908. She was the mother of two children, Pauline Alice, whose birth occurred on the 29th of October, 1902; and Evelyn, born May 4, 1906, who died on June 21, 1907. In his political views Mr. Patterson is a democrat, and his opinions carry weight in the local councils of his party. He belongs to Ottumwa Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M.; Clinton Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M.; Malta Commandery, No. 31, K. T., and Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Davenport. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the Commercial Association of Ottumwa. A wide-awake, progressive and enterprising citizen, he is one of those who always recognize and utilize opportunities both for the advancement of their business interests and the attainment of desirable results for the community.

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### H. T. HAWTHORNE.

A farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Compentine township is the property of H. T. Hawthorne and returns to him a good annual income through the sale of the crops which he produces as the result of his unfaltering industry and careful management. He was born in West Virginia April 17, 1846, and is a son of R. T. and Mary J. (Reed) Hawthorne, who were natives of Virginia. After living for a number of years in the

south they came to Iowa in 1852, settling in Wapello county upon a farm upon which they remained until their life's labors were ended in death. In their family were ten children, of whom six survive: H. T., of this review; J. P., whose home is in Farson; S. R., living in Nebraska; Martha, the wife of L. H. White; J. C., who is a resident of Hedrick, Iowa; and T. C., whose home is in Martinsburg, Iowa.

H. T. Hawthorne spent the first six years of his life in his native state and then accompanied his parents to Iowa, where he has since continued. His youthful days were spent under the parental roof, and during that period he acquired a fair common-school education, to which he has added through the lessons learned in the school of experience. After attaining his majority he began farming on his own account, renting a tract of land, upon which he lived for a year. He then completed arrangements for having a place of his own, purchasing eighty acres of land in Competine township, upon which he lived for two years. On the expiration of that period he traded his tract for another farm in Competine township, upon which he lived for four years. He then sold out and bought still another farm, which he occupied for a year. He next went to Page county, where he lived for two years, after which he returned to Wapello county and located upon the farm which he had left on removing from the county. There he continued for about fourteen years, after which he went to Hedrick, where he lived for sixteen years. He then returned to the old farm, upon which he continued for a year. At the end of that time he sold the property and removed to the farm which he now owns and occupies, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of good land on section 13, Competine township. His has been an active and useful life, crowned with a substantial measure of success, which has come as a result of his energy, determination and close application.

Mr. Hawthorne has been married twice. In 1867 he wedded Miss Ella Silvers, and unto them were born two children: U. S., and William J., but the latter died in 1889. The wife and mother passed away in 1879 and in 1881 Mr. Hawthorne wedded Miss Alice Trout, who was born in Mason county, Illinois, a daughter of A. and Margaret (Laughlin) Trout, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa in 1850 and were married in Jefferson county, this state. Subsequently they removed to Mason county, Illinois, and in 1862 returned to Iowa, where the family remained, while the father went to



California. He was upon the Pacific coast for nine years and then again came to Iowa, where he lived for one year. On the expiration of that period he removed to California, where his remaining days were passed. His wife died in Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1908. In their family were five children, of whom four are yet living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne has been born a daughter, Lillian, who married E. McCay, of Albia, Iowa, and has two children, Marjorie A. and Wendel. The parents attend the Baptist church. In politics Mr. Hawthorne is a democrat, and he has served as school director, but has held no political offices. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Knights of Pythias, and in both organizations has gained many friends, who esteem him for his sterling traits of character. His life has been quietly passed, but has been one of worth and value to the community, his labors constituting a force in winning for Wapello county its well earned reputation of being one of the leading agricultural districts of the state.

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### WALTER E. ANTHONY, M. D.

Among the younger representatives of the medical profession now successfully engaged in practice in Ottumwa is Dr. Walter E. Anthony, who was born January 13, 1889, in Santa Ana, California. His father, Enoch Anthony, is a medical practitioner in Wapello county, where he has continuously practiced for nineteen years. He is a native of Athens, Missouri, as was his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Nelson. The paternal grandparents were born on old homesteads near Athens, Missouri, in a district which was then but sparsely settled and where the Indians were numerous. William Clark, the great-grandfather of Dr. Anthony, settled in what is now Clark county, Missouri, in the early part of the nineteenth century. The grandfather Anthony was a Union soldier throughout the Civil war. The Nelson family came from Maine and was established in Missouri in pioneer times. The great-grandfather in that line carried the mail on horseback from Keokuk to Keosauqua before the old Rock Island road was built, and thus it is that Dr. Anthony is descended from ancestors closely associated with the settlement and development of the region west of the Mississippi.

In the pursuit of his education he completed a high school course at Ottumwa in 1908 and for professional training attended Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, where he won his M. D. degree on the 3d of June, 1912. He has since engaged continuously in the practice of medicine, returning to Ottumwa for practice and here remaining to the present time, his success increasing with the passing years. He is a member of the Wapello County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He was examining physician for the Woodmen of the World and for the Homesteaders in 1913, and for the Knights of Maccabees in 1914. Of those organizations he is a member and also of the Loyal Order of Moose. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but he is not a politician in the sense of office seeking.

On the 10th of October, 1912, Dr. Anthony was married at the home of T. T. Funk, ten miles north of Ottumwa, to the daughter of the household, Miss Mary Moss Funk. Her parents have spent their entire lives in Wapello county, where Mr. Funk still follows the occupation of farming. He has often been officially associated with school and township affairs. To Dr. and Mrs. Anthony has been born a daughter, Velma Rose. The parents are members of the First Methodist church and in Ottumwa, where they have practically spent their entire lives, they are widely and favorably known, while the professional ability of Dr. Anthony places him in a creditable position as a representative of the medical fraternity.

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### J. F. WILLIAMS.

Dr. J. F. Williams, who enjoys a large veterinary practice in Highland township, well merits the confidence placed in him, for his reputation is built upon a thorough professional education and a large practical experience. He has today a profitable clientele and is considered one of the most successful men in his line of work in Wapello county. He was born in Carroll county, Missouri, March 14, 1876, and is a son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Decker) Williams, the father a native of Tennessee and the mother of Indiana. Both were brought to Iowa when children. Conrad Williams died in June, 1906, his widow now making her

home in New Mexico. In their family were nine children, of whom seven are living.

J. F. Williams remained at home until he reached his maturity. Having completed his schooling, he learned the blacksmith's trade, continuing in that line for a few years, but, not finding the desired satisfaction in this work, his thoughts turned to more profitable fields of employment. Deciding upon veterinary work, he attended the Kansas City Veterinary College, from which he graduated in 1911. Since that year he has been practicing in Highland Center with unabating success.

On the 21st of April, 1912, Dr. Williams married Miss Grace Miller, a native of Wapello county and a daughter of J. C. and Delpha (Lowenberg) Miller, both living and of whom extended mention is made in another part of this work. Dr. and Mrs. Williams have two children: Warren K. and Doris Marie. The parents are members of the Christian church and devoted to its work. Before her marriage Mrs. Williams taught school for nine years, having received an excellent education, which was concluded with graduation from the Ottumwa high school. Dr. Williams owns a handsome residence in Highland Center, which is the family home. He is not only efficient professionally, but is a useful citizen who is ever ready to contribute to the general welfare. Politically he has not been particularly active, preferring to concentrate all his energies upon his work. He is a member of the Farmers' Grange.

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### JAMES E. MCCARROLL.

James E. McCarroll spent many years of his life as a farmer of Wapello county, where he owned and cultivated a good tract of land of eighty-one acres just north of the city of Ottumwa, on the Court Street road. He was born in Harrison county, Ohio, October 14, 1847, and his last days were spent on the old homestead farm, where he passed away May 29, 1909, at the age of nearly sixty-two years. His parents were Scott and Susan (English) McCarroll, natives of Ohio. Removing westward they became early settlers of Wapello county, taking up their abode upon a farm near Kirkville, where their remaining days were passed. They reared a family of ten children, eight of whom are now living.

This family included James E. McCarroll, who was but a little lad of less than three years when brought by his parents to Iowa in 1850. From that time forward he continued a resident of the middle west, and the greater part of his life was devoted to farming. For a considerable period in early manhood he engaged in general agricultural pursuits in Kansas, but returned to this county and invested in a farm of eighty-one acres, his place being situated just north of the city on the Court Street road. It is a good property, well developed and improved with many modern equipments and buildings.

Mr. McCarroll was married twice. He first wedded Lottie Sinnard of Kirkville. On the 30th of December, 1886, he married Miss Ida M. Millisack, who was born in Ashland, Wapello county, June 17, 1857, a daughter of J. W. and Catharine (Overholt) Millisack, whose biographies appear elsewhere in this work. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCarroll were born three sons: Harrison, a resident of Sterling, Illinois; and Ray and Morris, both at home. Mr. McCarroll continued to engage in farming to the time of his death. In politics he was a republican, stanch in his advocacy of the principles of the party. He did not seek office, however, as a reward for party fealty, but was content to do his public duty as a private citizen. However, he co-operated in various movements for the general good, and his worth was widely acknowledged.

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### FRANK L. DAGGETT.

Frank L. Daggett, who is engaged in the undertaking and embalming business in Ottumwa, his native city, was born on the 4th of June, 1874. His youthful days were spent in the home of his parents, and at the usual age he entered the public schools, in which he passed through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school. He also attended a business college in this city and then, in preparation for his chosen line of work, he entered the Hohenschuh Embalming School at Iowa City, from which he was graduated in 1901. He then entered the undertaking business, which he still conducts under the name of Daggett & Sons, Frank L. Daggett being manager. The firm is liberally patronized and has a well appointed undertaking estab-



lishment, carrying an excellent line of everything needed in their business.

In 1898 Mr. Daggett was married to Miss Maud L. Sprague, who is also a graduate of the embalming school in which her husband completed his course, and she now assists him in the business. To Mr. and Mrs. Daggett have been born four children, but Nellie, the firstborn, is deceased, twins have also passed away and Jeannette is the only one now living.

Mr. Daggett is prominently and popularly known in fraternal circles. He belongs to the Masonic lodge and has attained high rank in the order. He also has membership with the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen. He is likewise connected with the Yeomen lodge, and both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star and the Royal Neighbors. Both are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is president of the Young Peoples Association of the church. His wife, a graduate in music, is an excellent pianist. Theirs is an attractive and hospitable home, and its good cheer is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. They possess in large measure those attractive social qualities which win warm regard in every land and clime.

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### JAMES WELLINGTON NORRIS.

The history of newspaper publication in Ottumwa would be incomplete were there failure to make prominent reference to James Wellington Norris, who was one of the early editors and newspaper publishers of Wapello county and the publisher of the first daily paper. He was born in Meredith, New Hampshire, August 13, 1815. His father, Samuel Sheriff Norris, also a native of the old Granite state, was born in 1789 and died in May, 1861. He married Anna McKenzie Bean. They were earnest Christian people, whose lives constituted an influencing force for moral development in the communities in which they lived. Mr. Norris, a devoted Christian man, aided in founding two churches in Canada, one in Bloomington, Illinois, and a fourth in Ottumwa, Iowa. He labored with much success as an agent of the Bible Society and as a Colporteur of the American Tract Society on the frontier of Iowa. He was one of the original members of the First Congregational church of Ottumwa. His



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two sons, James Wellington and George Punchard Norris, and two daughters, Ann Nichols and Julia, came to Ottumwa with him.

The second son, Captain George P. Norris, was born in Compton, Canada, May 15, 1830, and in 1845 arrived in Ottumwa, Iowa, in company with his parents. He enlisted in Company C, of the Seventh Iowa Cavalry, as first lieutenant on the 3d of January, 1863, and was promoted to the rank of captain in 1865. He participated in a number of hotly contested engagements and was mustered out at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1866. He married Roxcy Murray, and in their family were six children. Captain Norris spent the greater part of his life in Minnesota and Ottumwa, but passed away in Canton, Mississippi, May 30, 1899.

James Wellington Norris, the elder son of Samuel S. Norris, was a youth in his teens when his parents removed with their family to Compton, Lower Canada. He attended Hadley Academy and in the summer of 1833 went to the grammar school at Peacham. In the winter of 1834 he took up the profession of teaching but in 1835 resumed his studies, matriculating in Marietta College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1838. He then secured a position as private tutor in Kentucky and while thus engaged devoted his leisure hours to the study of law, so thoroughly qualifying for the profession that he was admitted to the bar in 1839, although he continued teaching at Bloomington, Illinois, until 1843. In that year he removed to Chicago, and he published the first directory of that city in 1843-4. In April of the same year he established the Chicago Journal in connection with Robert L. Wilson and after two years began the publication of directories again. He organized the first Rough and Ready Club and invited Abraham Lincoln to address them, which he did. He was thus closely associated with a number of important events that occurred during the early history of the western metropolis.

On the 29th of March, 1849, Mr. Norris left Chicago with a mule team and arrived at Ottumwa about the 1st of May. In December, 1855, he purchased the Courier and ten years later established the Daily, which was the first daily published in the county. During the period which antedated the war he was a strong advocate of Abraham Lincoln and in the year 1861 Lincoln appointed Mr. Norris to the position of postmaster of Ottumwa, in which capacity he served for five years to the entire



satisfaction of the general public. At the same time he continued the publication of the *Courier*, but in 1866 sold the paper and in 1867 went to Europe, this being at the time of the great world's exposition in Paris.

On the 27th of July, 1851, Mr. Norris was married to Miss Martha Rebecca Spaulding, a sister of the Rev. B. A. Spaulding, one of the Iowa band of Congregational ministers famous in church annals. Her parents were Sampson and Susanna Spaulding, and she was born in Billerica, Massachusetts, on the 20th of June, 1819. Through the columns of the press and through individual effort Mr. Norris exerted a wide-felt influence on public affairs in Wapello county, doing much to shape the public policy during the formative period in the history of this section of the state. Mr. Norris passed away March 3, 1882, and his wife survived until February 3, 1900.

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### C. J. COURTNEY.

C. J. Courtney is one of the prosperous agriculturists of Keokuk township, where he owns a valuable farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres which is largely devoted to stock-raising. He was born in that township December 15, 1873, and is a son of Patrick and Mary (Crowley) Courtney, natives of Ireland, the former coming to America in 1852 and the latter in 1854. They were married in Wapello county in 1860 and in 1861 moved upon a farm which the father had purchased. There he continued with unabated success, following the occupation of an agriculturist until 1910. His widow is now residing in Ottumwa. In their family were fifteen children, of whom six are living: Daniel; C. J., of this review; Joseph P.; Nellie, the wife of N. Alderman; James; and Julia, who married William Arman.

C. J. Courtney was reared upon the parental farm, acquiring his education in the neighboring schools. After laying aside his text-books he assisted his father in the operation of the fields until thirty-one years of age, when he removed to South Dakota in the expectation of profiting by the opportunities which that yet unopened country offered. There he remained until 1909, when he returned to Wapello county and bought a homestead of one hundred and forty-seven acres. In addition to general

farming he also follows stock-raising, breeding horses and feeding hogs and cattle for the market. His buildings are in excellent repair and in the best sanitary condition, while he has installed the latest machinery in order to facilitate farm labor and to increase the output of his acres. He studies stock-raising from a scientific point of view and has been successful along this line because he has made use of a number of new ideas and has applied new methods, thereby setting an example for other farmers of Wapello county.

In 1913 Mr. Courtney married Mrs. Mary (Deiters) Ripperger, who was born in Iowa and before her marriage to our subject was the widow of William Ripperger. Both Mr. and Mrs. Courtney are members of the Catholic church and devoutly attached to that faith. The former is a democrat, conversant with the policy of his party, which he stanchly upholds. Although he has not been active politically he is ever ready to support worthy public enterprises and has contributed to the development of his district, particularly in regard to agricultural advancement.

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### HARRY B. SOMERS.

Harry B. Somers, chief clerk at the Ballingall Hotel at Ottumwa, has been connected with this hotel since August, 1887. He was born in Ohio, August 30, 1861, and is a son of Dr. P. G. and Anna (Waggoner) Somers, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New York. They were married in the Buckeye state and there remained until called to the home beyond. In their family were two children: Frank P., who is now a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; and Harry B.

When eleven years of age the latter went to live with his uncle, William Waggoner, upon a farm. This uncle was a school teacher in Wapello county at an early date. In the acquirement of his education Harry B. Somers attended the public schools, was graduated from the high school at Copley, Ohio, and also attended the Valparaiso (Ind.) Normal School. For five years he engaged in teaching in Ohio and in 1887 made his way westward to Wapello county, where he engaged in selling encyclopedias. In August, 1887, he entered the Ballingall Hotel as a clerk and has since been connected therewith, working

his way upward to his present position of chief clerk. He is ever courteous and obliging and has become a popular hotel man, faithfully representing the interests of his employers and at the same time carefully guarding the comfort of hotel patrons.

On the 1st of August, 1891, Mr. Somers was united in marriage to Miss Maud A. Haines, a native of Wayne county, Iowa, and a daughter of Aaron A. and Eliza A. (Anderson) Haines. The father is now deceased but the mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Somers have become the parents of three children: Harry F. A., who is now in Chicago; Meta A., who is a graduate of the high school and is studying music; and Marvel T., who is likewise attending high school and studying the art of music. Mr. Somers and his family attend the Baptist church, and he belongs to the Royal Arcanum, serving as chairman of the finance committee of the grand council for nine years. He is likewise a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Pythias and the Yeomen. At the present writing he is serving on the Ottumwa school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion, loyal to the best interests of progressive education. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but he does not seek nor desire political office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He has a wide acquaintance in Ottumwa and Wapello county and also among the traveling public and is popular with all who know him.

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### WILLIAM H. BAXTER.

William H. Baxter, actively and successfully engaged in general farming and dairying on section 35, Cass township, is one of the native sons of Wapello county who have proved that energy and determination constitute a sure and stable foundation upon which to build success. He was born in this county, February 3, 1868, and is a son of S. C. and Sarah A. (Bensay) Baxter, the father a native of Missouri and the latter of Ohio. In an early day they came to Iowa and were married in this state. Here the mother passed away, since which time Mr. Baxter has removed to Oklahoma, where he now resides. In the family were four children: George W., who makes his

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home in Des Moines; J. R., who is living in Houston, Texas; Minnie A., deceased; and William H.

Through the period of his boyhood William H. Baxter remained upon the home farm, in the work of which he received thorough training, while his opportunities for intellectual advancement were secured in the training of the public schools. After attaining his majority he rented a farm, which he has since been cultivating, and today operates a farm of one hundred and seventeen acres, situated on section 35, Cass township. Here, in addition to tilling the crops best adapted to climatic conditions, he is also engaged in dairying and likewise makes a specialty of the raising of hogs.

In 1902 Mr. Baxter was united in marriage to Miss Melissa McAdams, a native of this county and a daughter of James F. and Emma (Holmes) McAdams, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Indiana. When Iowa was emerging from pioneer conditions they took up their abode within the borders of the state, settling on a farm in Cass township, where they continued to make their home until Mr. McAdams departed this life. The mother still resides in this county. In their family were seven children, including Mrs. Baxter, who is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is widely and favorably known in the community in which she makes her home. Mr. Baxter gives his political indorsement to the democratic party, believing firmly in its principles. For four terms he filled the office of assessor in Cass township and is now one of the township trustees. He holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America in Camp No. 2808, in which he has filled all of the chairs. He is loyal to its teachings concerning the spirit of helpfulness and he has many good qualities, which are manifest in his business and social relations. His sterling worth is acknowledged by all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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### HARRY H. KAMERICK.

Harry H. Kamerick, who organized the Ottumwa Fuel Company in 1910, has conducted the same continuously and successfully since and is widely recognized as an able and enterprising young business man of the city. His birth occurred in Marion county, Iowa, on the 9th of July, 1885, his parents being Harvey



and Anna (Thompson) Kamerick, who are likewise natives of this state and still make their home in Marion county.

Harry H. Kamerick, an only son, received a good practical education in the common schools and when fourteen years of age began learning telegraphy, being subsequently employed as a telegrapher for a period of nine years. In 1910 he organized the Ottumwa Fuel Company, which he has conducted continuously since and has developed into an enterprise of extensive and profitable proportions.

In 1907 Mr. Kamerick was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Doyle, who was born in Monroe county, Iowa, on the 10th of September, 1885, her parents being Michael and Julia Doyle, natives of Ireland. They emigrated to the United States in the early '50s, locating first in New York and later in Ohio, while in 1865 they came to Iowa. The father here passed away, but the mother is still living. Our subject and his wife have three children, namely: Bernard, Katherine and Mary.

Mr. Kamerick is a republican in his political views and exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Court of Honor, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Catholic church, of which his wife is also a devout communicant.

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#### A. B. PHELPS.

A. B. Phelps, residing in Farson, is a veteran of the Civil war and is a retired farmer, who after long years of active connection with agricultural pursuits is now enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He has almost reached the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred in Ohio, August 27, 1839, his parents being Benjamin B. and Jane (McCall) Phelps, both of whom were natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married. After residing in that state for a number of years they came to Wapello county, Iowa, in 1852 and settled on a farm in Competine township, where he resided to the time of his death, which occurred in 1875. For four years he has survived his wife, who passed away in 1871. In their family were sixteen children: A. B.; Abigail B., who is the wife of L. Eller, of Wapello county; Josiah,





A. B. PHELPS AND FAMILY



A. B. PHELPS  
As a Union Soldier





living in Mason City, Iowa; Steven V., whose home is in Nebraska; Mary, the wife of B. I. Stevens of Hedrick; William, also living in Nebraska; Leonidas, who makes his home in the same state; and nine who have passed away.

A. B. Phelps remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age and then, his patriotic spirit being aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union, he enlisted for active service in the Civil war as a member of Company I, First Iowa Cavalry, with which he served throughout the period of hostilities. He took part in several skirmishes, fighting the bushwhackers of Missouri, and although he was continuously in active duty he returned home without a scratch. He was mustered out in Texas and at once came again to Iowa.

Mr. Phelps then turned his attention to farming on his own account, purchasing forty acres of land in Compentine township, which he developed and improved through the succeeding year. He then sold that property and purchased a farm of four hundred and eighty acres upon which he made his home until he retired. He then removed to Farson, where he has since spent his days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He had brought his farm to a high state of cultivation, for the methods which he followed in tilling the soil were at once practical and progressive. The place was divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences and there were substantial barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, while the latest improved machinery was secured to promote the work of the fields. In his business management he showed good judgment and unflinching enterprise and thus gained the success which is now his.

On the 18th of October, 1866, Mr. Phelps was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Dickens, who was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, a daughter of Thomas M. and Elizabeth (Staley) Dickens, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Virginia. When children they became residents of Ohio and with their respective parents lived in log cabins for some years during the pioneer epoch in the history of that state. In 1845 they came to Iowa, casting in their lot with the early settlers of this state, and here Mr. Dickens entered land. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon his place, but with characteristic energy he began its development and soon had an excellent farm, upon which he remained until his life's labors were ended in 1885. His wife passed away in 1863. In

their family were ten children: Mrs. Phelps; George; and eight who have passed away. In 1864 the father married again and had two children by that union, but both are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Phelps six children were born. Mary E. is the wife of C. Canfield and they reside in Los Angeles, California. Otis O. of Dryad, Washington, married Esther Forrest and of their four children one is deceased. Thomas M. has passed away, leaving a widow, Nellie (Tade) Phelps and three sons, who reside on a farm near Agency, Iowa. Elzie E. and Ella E. are twins. The former is a resident of Delta, Iowa, where he is vice president of a bank. He married Effie Rupe, of Hedrick, and they have four children. Ella E. is the wife of M. G. Whiting, by whom she has three children, and they reside on the old home place. Mattie J., the youngest member of the family, is the wife of Thomas J. Hawthorne. They have four children and are also residing on the old homestead.

Mr. Phelps has given his political allegiance to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has filled the office of justice of the peace and was treasurer of the school board for nineteen years. Fraternally he is connected with the Grand Army post, No. 424, and both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church, in which he has served as a deacon for thirty years. In his Christian faith is found the motive springs of his conduct. His entire life has been guided by the teachings of the church, and all who know him bear testimony to the fact that he possesses many excellent traits of character, which have made him worthy the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

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### CALVIN MANNING.

Not to know Calvin Manning in Wapello county is to argue oneself unknown. His position has long been one of leadership at the bar, in banking and in republican circles. He was born at Keosauqua, Iowa, June 7, 1851, a son of Edwin and Sarah (Sample) Manning. His father, Edwin Manning, was a native of New England, whence in early manhood he removed to Pennsylvania and afterward came to Iowa, when this state was largely a frontier region, much of the land being still in possession of the government. He entered a claim and began the develop-

ment of a tract upon which hitherto not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made. Settling in Keosauqua, he laid out the town in 1836, not only long before the admission of the state into the Union but also before the organization of Iowa as a territory. From that time forward until his demise in 1901 he was closely associated with the substantial development of the district in which he lived. Like her husband, Mrs. Manning was from Pennsylvania, being a native of Washington county.

Liberal educational opportunities were awarded Calvin Manning, who supplemented a public-school course by study in the schools of New England and the Iowa State University at Iowa City, from which he was graduated with the law class of 1872. Entering upon the practice of law, he soon gained recognition through the ability which he displayed in the careful analysis of his cases and his ready mastery of the intricacies of the law. He was also connected with the Iowa National Bank as its president for fifteen years. For four years he was city attorney of Ottumwa, and he has also been active along political lines, representing the second ward as a member of the city council for four years. He was elected on the republican ticket, for since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a stalwart advocate of republican principles and one of the recognized leaders of his party in his section of the state. In 1884 he was a delegate to the republican national convention in Chicago and in 1896 a delegate to the national convention of his party in St. Louis, aiding the first time in nominating James G. Blaine and on the second occasion in nominating William McKinley. He was appointed United States commissioner to the Paris exposition in 1900 by President McKinley and proved an able representative of the government at that time. He has further been active in public connections as president and secretary of the Wapello County Agricultural Society and as one of the charter members of the Wapello Club of Ottumwa and is interested in all those movements and projects which feature as elements in the county's upbuilding and development.

In Ottumwa, Iowa, in 1877, Mr. Manning was united in marriage to Miss Juliet K. Blake, a daughter of Charles F. Blake, one of the pioneer residents of Wapello county, actively identified with the early settlement and development of Ottumwa. He was a member of the wholesale drug house of Blake, Bruce & Company and was president of the Iowa



National Bank of Ottumwa for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Manning have two children living, a daughter, Mary Blake, the wife of George F. Trotter, of Pueblo, Colorado; and a son, Edwin C. Manning, who now resides in Albia, Iowa. Two daughters, Maud and Louise, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Manning attend the Congregational church and are prominently known in the social circles of the city, while upon many events which have shaped the history of Wapello county Calvin Manning has left the impress of his individuality and ability.

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### DAVID C. DINSMORE, M. D.

For many years Dr. David C. Dinsmore was one of the foremost physicians of Kirkville but he now lives retired in this city, resting from a life which has been filled with useful labor. He was born in York county, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1830, and is a son of James A. and Grizzelle (Collins) Dinsmore, natives of Pennsylvania, who in 1833 removed to Ohio upon a farm which the father had bought as early as 1814. In 1833 he built a log cabin there, in which they made their home, and there the parents remained until their deaths. In their family were seven children: Catherine, deceased; Tabitha, who now resides in Bucyrus, Ohio; David C., of this review; Janet, deceased; Andrew A., of New York city; and Rachel and James A., both of whom have passed away.

David C. Dinsmore remained on the parental farm in Ohio until he reached his majority, attending the public schools of the neighborhood to gain his fundamental education. He then studied medicine with Dr. Firestone for one and one-half years but in 1856 came to Iowa, locating in Martinsburg, Keokuk county, where he practiced until 1859, when he went to Cleveland, where he graduated in 1860. He then returned to Martinsburg, practicing there for another year, and in 1861 enlisted in Company I, First Iowa Cavalry, being made first lieutenant of the company. After one year of valorous service he was promoted to the rank of captain and served as such until his term expired, or for three years and two months. Although he was often under fire and could always be found on the battle line, he went through the conflict without a scratch. After receiving his discharge he returned to Ohio, where he remained for a time,

but in 1865 removed to Kirkville, Iowa, where he has since been located and where he practiced medicine with increasing success and with excellent results until his retirement. He was the trusted physician of many families, and his personality was such as to inspire confidence. His reputation was always of the highest and his practice extended over a wide territory outside of the county.

On April 2, 1863, Dr. Dinsmore married Miss Cyrilla J. Andrew, a native of Tippecanoe county, Indiana, who was born March 7, 1834, and is a daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Nichol) Andrew, the former of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. Early in life they removed to Indiana. In that state both passed away. Mrs. Dinsmore is the third in order of birth of the nine children born to her parents, of whom five are living. She bore her husband ten children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were: James C., deceased; Jessie, the wife of Philip Waterman of Albia, and the mother of three children, Harrison and David, twins, and Cyrilla A. L.; Kate L., deceased; Clara, the widow of A. Ackerman of Iowa City; Henry; Mary, deceased; Florence, at home; Henrietta, the wife of J. A. Canning of Albia; and Helen, who married E. C. Sloan of Albia. Mrs. Dinsmore is a member of the Presbyterian church and devoted to that faith.

The Doctor has been a lifelong republican and was mayor of Kirkville and also served his community as school director. Fraternally he is a member of the blue lodge of Masons. He owns property in Des Moines and a small farm in Wapello county, also holding title to his residence in Kirkville. He has many friends in that city who esteem him for the long years of unselfish professional services which he rendered and for the high qualities of character which distinguish him as a man.

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### W. S. CRIPS

W. S. Crips, of Ottumwa, is the owner of extensive property interests in Wapello county. For thirty-six years he was prominently known in connection with the transfer business in this city but is now concentrating his energies upon the management of his farms. He was born in Ross county, Ohio, March 2, 1847, and is a son of W. H. and Martha A. (Jones) Crips, who were

likewise natives of that state. In the fall of 1849 they came to Iowa and cast in their lot with its pioneer settlers, establishing their home upon a farm, where the father continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1893. His wife survived him for a number of years and passed away in 1904. In their family were the following children: Henry, deceased; Mary, the wife of L. J. Michael, of this county; W. S.; H. P., who is now living in North Dakota; E. J., a resident of Portland, Oregon; Joseph, deceased; Alice, the widow of George W. Cowan; John O., of Lucas county, Iowa; and S. P. and Edward, both of this city.

W. S. Crips was a little child of but two years when the family came to Iowa, and upon the home farm he was reared, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and cultivating the crops. On attaining his majority he started out in life on his own account by renting a farm, and later he embarked in the cattle business, in which he continued for a year. About that time he was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Lee Jeffries, who was born in this county and is a daughter of Ben and Mary (Allcock) Jeffries. Her father, a native of Kentucky, came to Iowa at an early day.

Mr. and Mrs. Crips began their domestic life upon a farm, which he cultivated for two years and then removed to Ottumwa, where he engaged in the transfer business, in which he continued for thirty-six years in connection with his brother, S. P. Crips. They had the largest transfer business in the city, handling both passengers and baggage and owning a bus and a number of wagons.

As the years passed on the business steadily increased and success attended their efforts in large measure. After more than a third of a century W. S. Crips traded his transfer business for four farms and is now the owner of nine hundred acres of rich and valuable land in this section of the state, returning to him a most gratifying income. His property holdings also include a fine residence on Fifth street, Ottumwa.

Mr. and Mrs. Crips became the parents of a son and two daughters: B. W., who is now manager and foreman of the Crips Transfer Company; Mary E., the wife of Harry V. Henness, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Oskaloosa, Iowa; and Anita, who is a graduate of the Ottumwa high school and was graduated in music at Mount Pleasant in June, 1914.

Mr. Crips belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge and his political support is given to the republican party, but he does not desire office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. His has been an active and useful life, his record indicating the forcefulness of industry and close application as factors in winning success. He was never afraid of hard work and his sound judgment and capable management also featured largely in the attainment of his present prosperity.

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### CHARLES F. WILEY.

For an extended period Charles F. Wiley has made his home on section 4, Pleasant township, where he now owns and cultivates ninety-two and a half acres of good land. He is a native of the neighboring state of Missouri, his birth having there occurred March 14, 1858. His parents were John and Maria (Warder) Wiley, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. Their marriage was celebrated in the Buckeye state and on their removal westward they settled in Illinois, whence they afterward made their way to Missouri. In 1860 they came to Wapello county, Iowa, and settled upon a farm here. Their remaining days were passed in this county and they were laid to rest in the Dickens cemetery when their life's labors were ended. They had become widely and favorably known in the community and enjoyed the friendship and high regard of those with whom they had been brought in contact. In their family were six children: Nancy L., who is now the wife of J. B. Carman, of Des Moines; John, living in Wapello county; Charles, of this review; and three who have passed away.

Charles F. Wiley spent his youthful days under the parental roof and after attaining his majority took charge of the old homestead, which he cultivated for two years. He then purchased his present farm, situated on section 4, Pleasant township, and here he owns ninety-two and a half acres of rich and productive land, the soil responding readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. He makes a specialty of stock-raising in connection with farming and the result of his labors is seen in his success. He has never feared that laborious attention to detail which is so necessary in the achievement of prosperity, and



industry has ever been numbered among his salient characteristics.

In 1898 Mr. Wiley was united in marriage to Miss Rhoda M. Dickson, who was born in this county and is a daughter of Joseph and Letha (Smails) Dickson. In their family were six children, of whom five are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley have become parents of a daughter and son, Rena May and Rex Arlo. The parents and daughter are members of the Christian church, in the work of which they are actively interested, Mr. Wiley serving as one of the deacons. He is a school director and is now filling the office of township trustee, to which he was elected on the republican ticket. He has always been a stanch advocate of republican principles, indorsing the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. The greater part of his life has been passed in this county, he being but two years of age when brought to Iowa. He has since lived here and that there have been no esoteric chapters in his life record all acknowledge, his career being as an open book which any may read. He has worked diligently and persistently in business, has been progressive in his citizenship and loyal in his friendships and these qualities have won him high regard.

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### WILLIAM M. REECE.

There are chapters in the life record of William M. Reece which vie in interest with any tale of fiction. He knows the story of the southwest and that of Alaska from actual experience. The periods which he spent in those districts brought him various hardships, yet he met these courageously and if he did not gain wealth, he gained a knowledge of the countries such as broadens one's understanding and vision of life. He is now quietly but successfully engaged in business in Ottumwa as president and manager of the Sunray Lighting Company.

He was born in Wood county, West Virginia, November 25, 1856. His father, Alphus R. Reece, was also a native of Wood county and was a son of Abram Reece, who was born in Virginia, while his father was a native of Wales. The family, however, was founded in America during the colonial epoch in the history of the country and was represented by active patriots in the Revolutionary war and also in wars against the Indians. At



WILLIAM M. REECE



one time Abram Reece was the owner of a number of slaves, but, becoming convinced that the practice of holding human beings in bondage was wrong, he liberated them. His son, Alphus R. Reece, was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Lowther, a native of Ritchie county, West Virginia, and a daughter of Jesse Lowther, whose birth occurred in the Old Dominion. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reece continued their residence in West Virginia throughout their entire lives. The father of William M. Reece was a member of the Fifteenth West Virginia Infantry during the Civil war and was wounded at the battle of Antietam, but after three months he returned to his command, with which he remained until mustered out on the 15th of July, 1865. He made farming his life work and thus supported his family. Unto him and his wife were born six children: Archibald, who died at the age of fifteen years; William M.; Abraham L., of West Virginia; Anna, the wife of Clark Wigner of the same state; Lettie, the wife of W. Dilley of West Virginia; and Ella, who is living at Weston, West Virginia.

William M. Reece spent the period of his minority in his native state. He was reared upon a farm but also spent some time in Parkersburg, West Virginia. In 1877, however, he came to Iowa, where he took up carpenter work, which he followed as a journeyman until 1882, being employed in Wapello and Van Buren counties. He then entered upon general contract work and was identified with a number of important building interests. He had the contracts to build the Ottumwa Coal Palace, the Franklin school building, the Leighton block, the C. T. Sullivan building, which is a white enameled brick front on Second street, and others of equal importance. He followed the profession of architecture, making plans and designs for buildings as well as engaging in their construction. In his chosen line of work he steadily advanced until he reached a position of leadership and no higher testimonial of his ability can be given than the above list of fine buildings which were erected by him.

Mr. Reece has also figured prominently in public connections. He was appointed by the Hon. John F. Lacey, clerk of the committee on public lands in the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., in 1895, and held that position for twelve years. His knowledge of legislative matters gained from actual experience in drafting bills and writing reports on measures which came before his committee, qualified and fitted him to



advise and assist the Wapello County Bar Association in taking the proper steps to secure the federal court at Ottumwa. In the spring of 1906 he advised the president of the bar association to circulate a petition to Congress amongst the members of the bar in all the counties now comprising the judicial district. The names were secured and the petition delivered to Mr. Reece by Attorney W. A. Work on the evening before his return to Washington to attend the second session of the sixty-first congress. On his arrival in Washington he immediately drafted the bill in compliance with the petition and turned both over to Hon. John F. Lacey, representative of the sixth Iowa district, for introduction. The measure was referred under the rules of the house of representatives to the committee on judiciary and was promptly reported back to the house for passage. The prompt report was in no small degree due to the influence of Mr. Reece, who had enjoyed the personal friendship of Hon. John J. Jenkins, then chairman of the committee on judiciary. If the hen that lays the egg is the mother of the chicken, Mr. Reece is the father of the federal court at Ottumwa. He shared the friendship of many distinguished men and became acquainted with every important move on the national political chess-board.

He was next appointed by Secretary of the Interior Garfield and President Roosevelt to the position of special agent for the general land office and had an office at Bismarck, North Dakota. He acted in that capacity in a most acceptable manner for about a year, when he resigned, owing to the ill health of his wife, which made it imperative that they seek a change of climate. They then returned to Ottumwa, and here Mrs. Reece passed away.

In the spring of 1909 Mr. Reece and his son Carroll moved westward, taking up their abode in the Willamette valley, near Eugene, Oregon, where he purchased a fruit farm. A year later, however, he sold out and returned to Ottumwa, where he began a series of experiments that led to the invention of an acetylene generator, named by him the Sunray Generator. The Sunray Generator Company was then incorporated, with Mr. Reece as president and manager, and his entire time is devoted to the development and management of the business, which includes generators and a line of acetylene fixtures and burners all of his own design. His inventive genius has found expression in a manner that has constituted a valuable contribution to mankind and the business is growing steadily.

An interesting chapter in the life of Mr. Reece is that which covers his Alaska experience. In 1900, following the discovery of gold at Nome, Mr. Reece secured an outfit for himself and son Harlan and started on an expedition to the northwest, intending to wash the sands of Nome. He found this method of seeking the precious metal unprofitable, however, and decided to make a tour of the interior. Accordingly, he proceeded to the head waters of the Nome and Snake rivers. In the fall of 1900 the party suffered serious damages in a severe storm and they also met with a tidal wave eight miles up the Nome river while proceeding down that stream in a boat. They had to tie up their boat and cross the Tundra on foot in a terrific storm. Mr. Reece had been sick with mountain fever several days and gave up when half across and lay there for some time. Finally, however, he managed to reach a miner's tent and eventually was able to continue his trip to Nome, where he caught the steamship Ohio and returned to the United States. In 1904 he made a trip across the territory of Arizona with a burro train, and he has also made the trip through Yellowstone Park and through Yosemite Park and other recreation tours. His experiences have been many and varied, most of which have brought him pleasure, while at the same time he has learned valuable lessons or gathered important information concerning the districts which he has visited.

In his wide acquaintance with climatic conditions in all the states, he expresses a love for autumn days in Iowa that strikes a responsive chord in the hearts of the people in the Hawkeye state.

"Give me Autumn days in Iowa when the leaves are  
tinged with gold,  
When Summer heat has vanished and before the Win-  
ter's cold.  
When the rich rewards of harvest have been gathered  
in the bins,  
Ere the cold November rains or Equinoctial winds.  
Every day is sunshine, every day is fine,  
It's the best of any climate, it's the best in any clime,  
It's the grand finale of the seasons and is actually  
sublime."

He is a lover of the rod and reel and considers the black bass the most gamey of all the finny tribe. Along with his love for the angler's sport runs a vein of humor often manifest in a good

story and which occasionally finds vent in lines like his "Odelet to Spring."

AN ODELET TO SPRING.

"When you see a robin workin'  
At a nest up in a tree,  
And ye hear the bluebirds chirpen  
In such a merry glee,  
It's time to go a fishin';  
That's how it 'pears to me.

When the forest leaves are shootin',  
And the lilac is in bloom,  
When the birds begin to twitter,  
And sing their happy tune;  
It's time to go a fishin';  
Or will be purty soon.

When the tater patch is planted,  
And the peas begin to sprout,  
When the dandelion's in blossom  
And the angle worm comes out;  
It's time to go a fishin',  
If ye know what ye're about.

When the bee begins to bumble,  
And the fly begins to buzz,  
When the frog begins a croaken  
And the 'skeeter calls ye cuz;  
If ye haven't been a fishin',  
Ye surely wish ye wuz.

When the carpet needs a beaten  
And is hangen on the line,  
When the garden needs a weeden,  
Then a feller hasn't time;  
'Cause he wants to go a fishin',  
When the weather's gettin' fine.

P. S. I have owed this ode to spring nigh on fifty years."

In 1881 Mr. Reece was united in marriage to Miss Clare A. Houke, who was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, March 15, 1857, and departed this life in Ottumwa, September 17, 1908.

She was a daughter of Henry Houke, who was killed in the battle of Fort Donelson while serving in the Second Iowa Regiment during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Reece had two children: Harlan M., who is now secretary of the company of which his father is president, and Carroll M., who is an undertaker and is assistant to C. T. Sullivan of Ottumwa.

Mr. Reece gives his political allegiance to the Republican party and in 1908 was a presidential elector, on which occasion he cast his vote for Taft. He served as a member of the city council in Ottumwa in 1889-90 and has been chairman of the Republican County Central Committee and of the judicial committee. He holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and has been a delegate to the various state meetings of that organization. He has proposed a plan for settling the rate question in that order that bids fair to be adopted by the entire organization. This plan was printed in the "Modern Woodman" of May, 1914. It has for its object the full and complete payment of death losses without creating a permanent reserve fund. The method is to collect from each member the necessary even per cent on his assessment of each dollar or major fraction of a dollar to restore to the benefit fund any shortage of the previous month. It is said to be the only plan whereby a fraternal society can, on a low rate, guarantee to pay every death loss in full. He belongs to the Commercial Association and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of city and county. His life has been an eventful, active, busy and useful one, bringing him to his present position as one of the leading and representative business men of Ottumwa.

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### WALLACE R. UMBAUGH.

Wallace R. Umbaugh, living on section 4, Highland township, has been a lifelong resident of this county, for his birth occurred August 22, 1881, in the township where he still makes his home, his parents being Hampton H. and Mary A. (Doak) Umbaugh. The father was born in Ohio, November 8, 1844, and the mother's birth occurred in Virginia, March 7, 1846. She was eleven years of age when she came with her parents to Wapello county, the family home being established here in



pioneer times. Her father, Robert Doak, purchased the farm now occupied by Wallace R. Umbaugh in 1858, being the second man to receive a deed to the place. He resided in Highland township until his death and for a long period was well known as a representative agriculturist and honored citizen. Hampton H. Umbaugh came to Iowa with three brothers. He was but seven years of age when he lost his father, and he had a hard time through the period of boyhood and youth, for he was entirely thrown upon his own resources and worked for small pay, having little opportunity for advancement along any line. Industry and determination, however, at length triumphed over difficulties and obstacles and gradually he won success, eventually becoming the possessor of a competence that now enables him to live retired. He and his wife have spent the last three years in Hedrick. To them were born three children: Daisy, the wife of Burt De Selm, living in Highland township; Wallace R.; and Iva, who died at the age of seventeen years.

Wallace R. Umbaugh has spent his entire life in Highland township and since reaching the age of three has lived continuously upon the farm which is now his home, on section 4. In the pursuit of his education he attended the Hedrick high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1902, and in 1903 he pursued a business course in Ottumwa. He then began farming on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres owned by his parents. This farm lies in the center of section 4, comprising forty acres on four different quarter sections, and the house stands in the center of the farm. The place is well improved and presents a neat and attractive and thrifty appearance. The buildings are substantial, everything about the place is kept in good repair and the farm is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences, within the inclosure of which are harvested each year good crops of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate.

On the 12th of June, 1907, Mr. Umbaugh was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Burdette, who was born in Davis county, Iowa, September 8, 1882, a daughter of William Burdette. Two children have been born of this marriage: Hampton Burdette, who died at the age of four months; and Daisy Helen, born May 12, 1910. The parents rank among the well known young couples of Highland township and are cordially received into the best homes of the locality. In politics Mr. Umbaugh is a democrat and for the past four years has been assessor of his

township, discharging his duties with the same spirit of fidelity and loyalty that he manifests in every relation of life. Fraternally he is connected with the Woodmen of the World. He represents two of the old families of the county and in this district, which has long been the family home, his worth as a citizen is widely known, his support of worthy public measures being always to be depended upon.

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### L. H. WHITE.

L. H. White, who is now living retired on his farm in Competine township, devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and is still the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land on sections 9, 16 and 17. His birth occurred in the state of New York on the 21st of March, 1851, his parents being Samuel and Sarah (Agard) White, who were likewise natives of the Empire state. They came to Wapello county, Iowa, in 1867 and took up their abode on the farm which is now in possession of our subject, continuing to reside thereon throughout the remainder of their lives. The father, a tanner and shoemaker by trade, followed those occupations successfully for a period of forty years.

L. H. White, the only child of his parents, was a youth of sixteen when the family home was established in this county. He attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained with his parents until they passed away. He continued the operation of the home farm throughout his entire business career and still resides on the property, but is now living retired in the enjoyment of a comfortable competency. His holdings embrace four hundred acres of productive land on sections 9, 16 and 17, Competine township, and he is widely recognized as one of the prosperous and esteemed citizens of the community.

In 1874 Mr. White was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. Hawthorne, who was born in Competine township in 1857, her parents being Reid T. and Mary J. (Reed) Hawthorne, natives of West Virginia. They were married in that state in 1841 and came to Wapello county, Iowa, in the early '50s, spending the remainder of their lives on a farm in Competine township. The father passed away on the 22d of April, 1884, while

the mother was called to her final rest on the 27th of September, 1901. They had ten children, six of whom still survive and one of whom now resides in Nebraska. Our subject and his wife are the parents of two children. Charles A., born July 29, 1875, attended the Iowa State College at Ames and is now one of the prosperous agriculturists of Compentine township. Leona W., who also enjoyed the advantages of a college education, is the wife of R. W. Spears and now makes her home in South Dakota.

Mr. White is a republican in politics and has held the office of township clerk and also that of school director, ever discharging his public duties in a prompt and efficient manner. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Baptist church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily lives. The period of his residence in this county covers forty-seven years, and he has long been numbered among its substantial and respected citizens.

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### J. M. ABERNATHY.

J. M. Abernathy, living on section 19, Richland township, is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of Wapello county and has spent almost his entire life in this county, with the history of which he is therefore familiar, having been a witness of its development, growth and progress through sixty-two years. He was born in Richland township, July 8, 1852, and is a son of John and Lucy (Shaffer) Abernathy. The father was born in Virginia, October 9, 1796, and when seven years of age went to Ohio with his parents. He afterward made his way to Indiana and subsequently to Iowa, arriving in this state in 1848, the family home being established at Agency. In 1850 he removed to Richland township, settling upon the farm where the birth of his son J. M. occurred. There he continued to reside throughout his remaining days, passing away when in his seventy-fifth year. The mother was born in Virginia and died at the age of fifty-five. She came to Iowa with her parents about 1845 and settled in Richland township, where her remaining days were passed. On the 12th of October, 1851, she became the wife of John Abernathy, who had been previously married. His first wife was Catharine Nonkester, whom he wedded on the 12th







J. M. ABERNATHY AND FAMILY



PAUL ABERNATHY



of May, 1818, and who died on the 2d of August, 1851. The children of his first marriage were: Catharine, William, George, John, Mary, Lydia, Martin, Martha, James, Henry and Andrew. By the second marriage there were born five children: J. M.; Elias, living in Washington; Mrs. Sarah Catharine Warren, of Missouri; Francis Marion, whose home is in Chariton, Iowa; and Randolph, living in Kansas.

J. M. Abernathy has spent his entire life in Richland township, save for three years passed in Monroe county, Iowa, just previous to his marriage. He has always carried on general agricultural pursuits and is the owner of one hundred and seventy-four acres of rich and productive land, while his wife owns one hundred and twenty acres, Mr. Abernathy operating both farms. He carries on general farming and also makes dairying a special feature of his place. For this purpose he keeps a high grade of cows and his dairy products are clean and sanitary. In fact, every feature of his business is well managed and his farm presents a neat and attractive appearance.

On the 16th of March, 1877, Mr. Abernathy was married to Miss Sarah A. Comstock, who was born in Richland township, July 27, 1859, and has always resided in Wapello county. Her father, Dr. A. B. Comstock, was born in Dayton, Ohio, March 1, 1818, and the mother's birth occurred at Sweet Home, Missouri, July 2, 1821. There she resided until her marriage, on the 17th of June, 1838, and about 1843 Dr. and Mrs. Comstock removed to Iowa, where he entered a quarter section of land in Richland township. The farm which he there secured remained their place of residence until they were called to the home beyond, the death of the father occurring September 4, 1890, while his wife survived until August 23, 1900. He was a graduate from a school of medicine in Ohio and continued in active practice throughout his entire life, in addition to which he managed his farm. In following his profession he rode over the country for a radius of twenty miles. Moreover, he was a prominent and influential citizen in other connections and was the first member of the state legislature from Wapello county. His early political support was given to the whig party and upon its dissolution he joined the ranks of the new republican party, with which he afterward voted. In the Comstock family were twelve children: Francis J., who enlisted from Wapello county and served as lieutenant in the Civil war, his home being now in Richland, Missouri; James H., who enlisted at Pine



Bluff, Arkansas, at the age of seventeen years for service in the Civil war; Chloe J., who became the wife of Hank Shields and is deceased; Henry, who died in childhood; Alanson B., deceased; Mrs. Frances Melvina Williams, of Bradyville, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Ellen Johnson, deceased; Louisa, who died in childhood; Clara Ann, who died at the age of fifteen years; Mrs. Abernathy; Benjamin Butler, deceased; and one who died in infancy.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy have been born eleven children: Sarah Anna, living at Bancroft, South Dakota; Francis J., whose home is in Richland township; Chloe Belle, the wife of Carl Fairchild, of Mora, Minnesota; Melvina May, the wife of William Holland, of Bancroft, South Dakota; Augustus Hamilton, of Richland township; Carrie E., the wife of James Guthrie, of Richland township; Houston, Lucy and Ruby, at home; Paul, who died at the age of eight years; and Theodore Roosevelt, at home.

The name of the youngest child indicates the political allegiance of the father, who has always voted with the republican party, and who on several occasions has been called to township offices. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in religious faith is a Presbyterian. His has been a well spent life, honorable and upright in all of its connections, and in business affairs his enterprises, close application and industry have constituted the secret of his growing and substantial success.

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### HENRY G. TRUE.

So prominent has Henry G. True been in Eddyville that his life activity has become an integral part of the history of his city. He was for many years engaged in commercial pursuits and is now a prominent figure in banking circles as one of the organizers of the Eddyville Savings Bank, of which he is now the president. Another notable fact of his career is that he was a valiant and valorous soldier during the Civil war, and he has every reason to be awarded the proud American title of a self-made man. Ohio claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Tuscarawas county, November 6, 1843. His parents were John D. and Jane (Dalby) True, natives of Maryland and

of Pennsylvania respectively. They were married in Carroll county, Ohio, and for a time resided in Tuscarawas county, where the father followed the trade of a carpenter and joiner. In 1853 he came to the west, settling in Monroe county, Iowa, and the following year he removed to Wapello county, where he remained until his death. He always carried on carpentering and was closely identified with building operations in this section until his life's labors were ended.

Henry G. True was a young lad of about nine years when he accompanied his parents to Iowa and in the public schools of this county he pursued his education. After his text-books were put aside he worked with his father at the carpenter's trade and was also employed at farm labor. He had no special advantages at the outset of his career, but has worked his way steadily upward and persistency, energy and honesty have been salient features in his record. In 1854 he became a resident of Eddyville, where he has now made his home for sixty years save for the period which he spent at the front during the Civil war. In July, 1862, he enlisted as one of the boys in blue, becoming a member of Company D, Thirty-sixth Iowa Infantry. He was mustered in at Keokuk and thence went to St. Louis and on to Helena, Arkansas. He participated in the battle of Helena on the 4th of July, 1863, and also took part in the siege of Vicksburg. He then returned to Helena and went with Steele to Little Rock and on to Camden and to Pine Bluff, taking part in all the military movements of that campaign. He served with the rank of corporal and was mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, when hostilities between the two sections of the country ceased.

When the war was over Mr. True returned home and turned his attention to commercial pursuits, embarking in the grocery business at Eddyville, conducting the store for forty years. In 1906 he retired, and in 1909 he assisted in organizing the Eddyville Savings Bank, of which he was one of the board of directors. Two years later he was elected president and is still at the head of the institution, which is one of the strong financial concerns of the state of Iowa. Mr. True ably directs its policy and controls its activities. He possesses excellent executive ability, and his sound business judgment is the basis of his growing success.

On the 1st of November, 1866, Mr. True was united in marriage to Miss Susan McWilliams, who died in 1873. In 1876 he married Jeannette Lafferty, who passed away in 1887. There

were three children of that marriage: Helen, the wife of Theodore Inskeep of Ottumwa, Iowa, by whom she has two children, Betenia and Rosemary; Clara, the wife of Arthur H. Lattimer of Eldora, Iowa, by whom she has two children, Gayle and George A.; and Jeannette, the wife of C. S. Foster of Guthrie Center, Iowa, by whom she has two children, John W. and Cedric T. Having lost his second wife, Mr. True was married in 1890 to Miss Linnie Weber, who died in December, 1898, leaving a son, Marion G., who was graduated from the Eddyville high school with the class of 1914. The family attend the Congregational church.

Mr. True gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a strong believer in its principles, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He has served in some local positions, however, to which he has been called by his fellow townsmen who have high appreciation of his worth and ability. He has been a member of the city council and for more than a quarter of a century was a member of the school board, serving for ten years of that time as its president. He is a gentleman of the old school. The attainment of wealth has in no way warped his kindly nature, and he judges his fellowmen by genuine character worth. His home is a haven of hospitality and he and his family rank very high socially. What he has accomplished places him among the leading and honored citizens of his county, and he is recognized as one who has wielded a potent influence in shaping the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community.

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### FRANK D. BAKER.

Among the successful farmers of Richland township is Frank D. Baker, who owns one hundred and eighty-one acres on sections 26, 35 and 34, Richland township, all of which is in a high state of cultivation. He gives also considerable attention to stock-raising. He was born in Richland township, October 24, 1860, and is a son of L. Taylor and Jane (Hill) Baker, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of England. The paternal great-grandfather, John Baker, was a cavalryman in the Revolutionary war. The parents of our subject made their entrance into Wapello county in 1844 and settled on the farm

which our subject now owns. There the father pursued agricultural labors until his death, passing away in 1900, his widow following him in 1911. His first house was a log cabin, and the family lived in that primitive way for several years. In his later years he operated a flour mill in addition to his farm. He and his wife had six children: W. J., of Oklahoma; Sarah, who married D. W. Terrell of Virginia; John H., of Wapello county; Minerva, deceased; F. D., of this review; and Eunice M. Jane (Hill) Baker taught the first school in Richland township, giving to the children of the pioneers instruction in the branches of knowledge which best fitted them for life.

F. D. Baker has remained upon the homestead practically all his life. He early began to assist his father with the work of the fields and when he reached his majority rented the homestead, later acquiring title thereto. He has always followed the most modern methods and has proven himself progressive in many ways, having adopted a number of valuable innovations which have increased the productivity of his fields. His buildings are in good condition and he has installed a valuable lot of farm machinery. He specializes in raising horses and also feeds cattle and hogs for the market.

On November 16, 1887, Mr. Baker married Miss Ellen Neil, who was born in Ottumwa and is a daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Wilson) Neil, the former of England and the latter of Ireland. They came to America with their respective parents when they were yet small children. The father first located in Ohio, but in 1853 came to Iowa, where he was engaged in the draying business in Ottumwa until the Civil war. He enlisted with the Iowa Seventh Cavalry and participated in the frontier fighting with the Indians for about three years. He then returned to Wapello county, buying a farm in Green township, and there he lived until his death in 1887, his widow surviving him until 1894. In their family were seven children as follows: William J., of Ottumwa; James A., deceased; Margaret, the wife of J. C. McCune; Mrs. Baker; Hugh, deceased; Daniel, of Oklahoma; and Elizabeth, who resides in Ottumwa. Mr. and Mrs. Baker were the parents of six children, of whom five are living: Maude E., a graduate of the Ottumwa high school in the class of 1908, who married Albert R. Bluhm; L. Taylor, who graduated from the Ottumwa Commercial college, at home; Jessie M., a graduate of the Ottumwa high school in the class of 1911, who resides at home and is now engaged in teaching;



Margaret M., attending high school; and Daniel Neil, who is a student of the same institution. William F. has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the Presbyterian church and the former serves as one of the trustees. Politically he is a democrat and at present renders valuable service as township trustee, while in former years he served as a school director. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 101, and also belongs to Ottumwa Lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America. He has many friends in Richland township, all of whom esteem him for his high qualities of character and because he is a useful and public-spirited citizen.

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### JOHN C. BONHAM, M. D.

Dr. John C. Bonham, a well known physician and surgeon of Ottumwa, has followed his profession in this city continuously for the past twenty-three years and has been accorded an extensive and gratifying practice. His birth occurred in Lancaster, Wisconsin, on the 17th of June, 1859, his parents being John J. and Mary (Wright) Bonham, the former a native of West Virginia and the latter of Missouri. John J. Bonham, who was born on the 4th of January, 1827, and followed contracting and building throughout his active business career, passed away at Bloomington, Wisconsin, July 15, 1897, when seventy years of age. His widow survives and makes her home in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. John J. Bonham were the parents of four children, as follows: Roxie, who is the wife of L. D. Holford, of Tulare, California; Bartie, who gave her hand in marriage to Walter Bennett, of Odebolt, Iowa; John C., of this review; and Stella, the wife of Davis Newman. The first representatives of the Bonham family in this country were three brothers of the name who came from England in 1632, settling at Plymouth, Massachusetts. The sons of these brothers grew to maturity and scattered over the eastern states. A Bonham of this line was governor of South Carolina, and prior to his election to that office was chosen as a general in the Confederate army. One of his sons was chosen state senator and still practices law at Anderson, South Carolina. Several uncles of our subject participated in the Revolutionary war, the Bonhams being rep-



DR. JOHN C. BONHAM



resented on both sides. Malachi Bonham served in the Mexican war with the rank of lieutenant and was later made major general. He was killed at the Alamo, being shot down after having surrendered and having been guaranteed protection. Bonham, Texas, was named in his honor.

John C. Bonham acquired his early education in the common schools of Wisconsin and completed the high-school course at Lancaster with the class of 1878. Subsequently he attended the normal school at Platteville, Wisconsin, and then followed the profession of teaching for two years, also reading medicine during that period. He afterward became a registered pharmacist by state examination both in Wisconsin and Iowa and for two years was engaged in the drug business. On the expiration of that period he entered Hahnemann Medical College, and following his graduation from that institution in the spring of 1883 began the practice of medicine at Sutherland, O'Brien county, Iowa, where he remained for seven years. Subsequently he spent a year in practice at Sioux City, Woodbury county, this state, and in 1891 came to Ottumwa, which city has since remained the scene of his professional labors. He confines himself to office practice exclusively and enjoys a gratifying patronage that has steadily grown as his skill and ability have become more and more widely recognized. Dr. Bonham owns a farm of one hundred acres within two miles of Ottumwa and spends the summer season on that property, being much interested in the raising of hogs.

On the 16th of January, 1884, Dr. Bonham was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Schell, a native of Bloomington, Wisconsin, and a daughter of F. J. and Mary (Fagg) Schell. The father, a boot and shoe merchant, is now deceased, but the mother survives and makes her home at Dodgeville, Wisconsin. To the Doctor and his wife was born a daughter, Cecile E., who is at home. Mrs. Bonham died June 17, 1914.

Dr. Bonham supports the men and measures of the democracy, which has always been the political faith of the family. He served as mayor of Sutherland for two years and gave the city a most beneficial and businesslike administration. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Congregational church, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is likewise a member of the Sons of the



American Revolution. Dr. Bonham is well known in Ottumwa and Wapello county, where he has long resided, and his many friends include the best residents of the community, indicating that his social and other qualities are such as win him high regard and popularity.

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### CAPTAIN W. H. C. JAKUES.

Captain W. H. C. Jaques, of the law firm of Jaques & Jaques, is the Nestor of the Wapello county bar, and his professional career has been one of growing and gratifying success. He has always made a specialty of trial cases and is recognized as one of the strongest trial lawyers in this part of the state. His birth occurred near Abingdon, Virginia, October 29, 1841, his parents being William and Mary Jaques, who were natives of England, in which country they were reared. They were married, however in Virginia, and in the fall of 1848 left that state for the middle west with Fort Madison, Iowa, as their destination. In 1849 they went to Jefferson county, where they spent their remaining days, the father engaging in farming, brick laying and plastering. He died at the age of sixty-seven years, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy-seven.

In their family were four sons and two daughters, of whom Captain Jaques is the eldest son and third child. He was a little lad of about seven years when the family home was established in Iowa, and he has since resided within the borders of this state. He remained under the parental roof until 1862 and then, at the age of about twenty-one years, enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company D, Nineteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for a year and a half. He then became captain of Company V, Fifty-sixth United States Colored Troops, with which he remained until the close of the war. In fact his military duty continued until the fall of 1866 with the Army of the Frontier, being on duty in Missouri and Arkansas and later at Vicksburg, Jackson and Lawrence, Mississippi. He likewise served on staff duty while a commissioned officer. His military experience was one of long duration and brought him into active connection with almost every phase of military life. He never faltered, and the bravery and courage which he displayed won him distinction as a soldier.

In the fall of 1866 Captain Jaques returned from the front and entered the Harvard Law School, spending one year there in preparation for the profession. In the spring of 1867 he came to Ottumwa and here completed his law reading, being admitted to the bar in the fall of 1867. He has engaged in general practice since 1868 and today is the oldest representative of the bar in Wapello county in years of continuous practice. He has been very successful from the beginning, early proving his ability to cope with intricate and complex problems of the law. He has made trial cases a specialty and his strength in presenting his cause and proving his point has been again and again demonstrated, the court records bearing testimony to his ability.

Captain Jaques' activity has covered connection with public office. He served as city solicitor for three consecutive terms and at an early day was deputy collector of internal revenue. His political allegiance has always been given the democracy, and he has been his party's candidate for district judge and judge of the state supreme court, on both of which occasions he ran far ahead of his ticket.

In 1869 Captain Jaques was united in marriage to Miss Florence Williams, a native of Indiana. She is a lady of superior culture and intelligence and is greatly interested in many of the important civic and public questions of the day. For many years she has been president of the Humane Society of Ottumwa and has done splendid work in that connection. To Captain and Mrs. Jaques have been born three children: Estella W., now the wife of Edward Moehn of Chicago; Jo R., a Yale graduate of 1894, and now a partner of his father; and Mabel M., the wife of H. R. Galbraith of Dubuque, Iowa.

Captain Jaques wears the little bronze button that indicates his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. He is also a member of the Loyal Legion and of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has been president of the Fishing and Hunting Club since its organization—a connection which indicates something of the nature of his interests and recreation. His standing in professional circles and the honor entertained for him by fellow members of the bar is indicated in the fact that for the past eight years he has been president of the Wapello Bar Association.

His son and partner, Jo R. Jaques, was born in Ottumwa, February 13, 1873, and has spent his entire life in this city. Following his graduation from the high school with the class of

1890, he spent three years as a student in the State University, devoting one year to the law course. He afterward matriculated in Yale University as a law student and completed his course there with the class of 1894. The same year he was admitted to the bar and began practice, entering into partnership with his father. The firm today has an extensive practice, covering southern Iowa and northern Missouri. The ability of the father and son is pronounced and in their practice they have ever held to high professional standards. Their devotion to their clients' interests is proverbial, yet they never forget that they owe a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law.

In 1892 Jo R. Jaques was married to Miss Kate Rupe, a native of Wapello county, and a daughter of Enoch Rupe, a farmer of this county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jaques are well known in this section of the state and, like the older couple, they occupy a leading position in the social circle in which they move. Like his father, Jo R. Jaques is a democrat in his political views. The interests of the two are largely identical, and the work of the son ably supplements that of the father and has maintained the high professional reputation always connected with the name of Jaques.

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### ANDREW JOSIAH SPAULDING.

Among the well known and leading contractors of Ottumwa of an early day was Andrew Josiah Spaulding, who in 1851 came to this state to reside permanently. He was born at Billerica, Massachusetts, September 1, 1823, his parents being Sampson and Susanna (Skinner) Spaulding. The father was born at Chelmsford, Massachusetts, March 1, 1775, while the mother was a native of Billerica. Following their marriage they took up their abode upon a farm near that place and there spent the remainder of their days. They were members of the Congregational church and were recognized as people of the highest respectability and worth. They had a family of ten children, three of whom came to Iowa—Andrew J., Benjamin A., who was the first Congregational minister of Wapello county, and Martha Rebecca, who became the wife of James W. Norris, who was a leading citizen of Ottumwa, and who engaged in the prac-



ANDREW J. SPAULDING





tice of law, filled the office of postmaster and was also editor of the Courier.

Andrew Josiah Spaulding remained upon the home farm until after his mother's death. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade and in 1849, when a young man of twenty-six years, came to Iowa, but at a later day returned to New England and worked at his trade in Concord, New Hampshire, where he continued until 1851. On the 6th of October, 1851, he was married and then came to Ottumwa, where he continued to reside until called to his final rest. He did good work as a contractor and builder during the period of his residence here, which continued until the 17th of January, 1860.

Mr. Spaulding was united in marriage to Elizabeth Armit Brown, who was born February 12, 1828, in Concord, New Hampshire, and there resided until her marriage. She is a daughter of Cotton S. and Betsey A. (Colcord) Brown, natives of New Hampshire, where they spent their entire lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding were born two children: Ella Elizabeth, who was born September 11, 1852, in Ottumwa and now resides with her mother in this city; and Helen Frances, who was born September 2, 1854, and died June 22, 1895. Both daughters had high school educations and both were graduated in June, 1873, at the Denmark (Ia.) Academy. They afterward engaged in teaching in the public schools of Ottumwa for a number of years and made valuable contributions to the educational advancement of the district. The Spaulding family has ever been accorded high place in the regard of their fellow townsmen, and Mrs. Spaulding and her daughter, Miss Ella Spaulding, have many friends here.

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### ERASTUS T. ROLAND.

Erastus T. Roland, filling the position of postmaster at Eldon, was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, January 18, 1844, a son of George H. and Jeanette Y. (Glenn) Roland, who were natives of the Shenandoah valley of Virginia. There they were reared and married and on leaving the south emigrated to Indiana. In 1850 they came to Iowa, settling in Davis county, but about 1860 removed to Missouri, where the death of the father occurred. He had made merchandising and farming his

life work. He possessed a turn for speculation and in nearly all of his ventures met with success. He served as a colonel in the state militia of Indiana and was a candidate for captain in the state militia of Missouri in opposition to Colonel D. Moore. His political support was given to the whig party in early life and upon its dissolution he joined the ranks of the republican party. His religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred about 1870, after which his widow went to Louisville, Kentucky, where her last days were spent. They were the parents of seven children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: P. H., who has now passed away; Mattie M., the widow of Frank M. James, of Louisville, Kentucky; Melville, deceased; Erastus T.; and O. G., who is living in Missouri.

Erastus T. Roland was a little lad of but six years when brought to Iowa, and ten years later he went with his parents to Missouri, where he remained for three years. He then returned to this state, settling at Bloomfield, where he completed a high school education. He then acquainted himself with the drug business in the employ of J. B. and S. H. Glenn at Eddyville, and while there residing he was married, on the 17th of January, 1867, to Melvina A. Mummert, who was born in Wapello county, February 7, 1847, a daughter of William and Rachel (Cox) Mummert, who were pioneer settlers of Iowa, coming to this state from Nauvoo, Illinois, about 1837. The father was a tailor by trade and both he and his wife died in Wapello county.

Following his marriage Mr. Roland removed to Missouri, settling in Clark county, where he remained for two years, clerking for his father in a drug store. In 1871 he came to Eldon, where he has since resided, and on the 4th of August, of that year, he was appointed postmaster, in which position he has served continuously since, save for the periods of President Cleveland's administrations, so that his incumbency in the office covers more than a third of a century. His present term will expire on the 20th of April, 1915. There is no one who questions the fact of his efficiency and faithfulness in the position. This is evident in his long retention in the office. He was also secretary of the first school board of the city of Eldon, at which time there was but one teacher. Today fourteen teachers are employed to instruct the youths of the town. He has likewise been mayor of the city for several years and has given a most

business-like, public-spirited and progressive administration. He has ever been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He was notary public for more than a quarter of a century and in every public office he has been most loyal to the duties devolving upon him. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He needs no special encomium. His worth is well known and he has a most wide and favorable acquaintance in Eldon and other parts of the county. For forty-three years he has made his home in the town where he yet resides and it is safe to say that almost every one who knows him is glad to call him friend.

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### N. F. REED.

N. F. Reed, whose recent appointment as United States marshal for the southern district of Iowa is highly gratifying to his many friends, is certainly well qualified to discharge the duties of the important position to which he has been called. He is a well known business man and for a number of years has been a recognized leader in democratic circles. He was born at Joliet, Illinois, on the 1st of October, 1868, and in 1870 came with his parents to Iowa, the family home being established at Eldon, where he acquired a public-school education, passing through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school with the class of 1884.

He made his initial step in the business world as a clerk in a grocery store, where he remained for two years. At the age of eighteen he entered the restaurant business, in which he remained for eight years, but during that period he took up the study of pharmacy and had become a registered pharmacist at the age of twenty-six. He had not attended a pharmaceutical school, but his close application and thorough study in his leisure hours qualified him for the required examination. Mr. Reed then entered the drug business in Eldon, where he remained for six years, and in 1901 he came to Ottumwa, where he established a drug store. Success has attended his efforts in this city from the beginning, and he is today owner of three drug stores in



Ottumwa. These are well appointed establishments, neat and attractive in arrangement and carrying a large and carefully selected stock of drugs and druggist's sundries. Mr. Reed owes his success to close application, unfaltering energy and thoroughly modern business methods. He is also interested in several enterprises outside of the drug business, including both banking and manufacturing. His investments have at all times been judiciously made, and he is today the owner of considerable real estate in Ottumwa. Moreover, his high standing among men engaged in the drug business is indicated in the fact that he has been honored with the presidency of the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association, and under his administration its membership was trebled. He is now serving on its executive board.

Mr. Reed has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party and took an active interest in its affairs even before age had won for him the right of franchise. When a youth of but nineteen he was elected a delegate to a state convention and has been serving in some capacity in that organization since twenty-one years of age. For five years he was town committeeman in Eldon, serving as a member of the democratic ward committee in Ottumwa for four years, and for two years was chairman of the democratic county central committee. He spent four years as a member of the congressional committee and for six years was a member of the democratic state central committee, during which time he acted as its treasurer for two years and for four years as chairman. In that period he wisely directed the interests and policies of the party and supervised the work done, which resulted in winning a number of notable democratic successes. As chairman of the state committee he has visited every county in Iowa, knows personally every county chairman and at least half of the district's precinct committeemen. He also knows personally almost every democratic editor in the state. He maintains an office in Des Moines as permanent headquarters and there is no committeeman who has kept in closer touch with the work and plans of his party than has Mr. Reed. Notwithstanding his active political work he has never been an office seeker. In 1900, however, he was nominated for the legislature and succeeded in reducing the normal republican majority of one thousand to less than three hundred, a fact indicating his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him.

He was appointed by President Wilson to the office of United States marshal for the southern district of Iowa and his appointment was confirmed in the United States senate on the 15th of March, 1914. He had the support of the department of justice from the start and his many friends in the senate worked loyally in his behalf. Those who know Mr. Reed and the thoroughness with which he undertakes any work feel that his record in office will be a most satisfactory and creditable one. Already he has proven his worth in this connection, as he has in business affairs.

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### MORGAN L. TRUITT.

Morgan L. Truitt is the owner of valuable farming property on sections 19 and 24, Agency township, his place comprising one hundred and eighty-three acres of rich and productive land, and in addition to general farming he carries on dairying and stock-raising. He was born in Woodford county, Illinois, September 18, 1866, a son of Thomas M. and Catherine (Hodge) Truitt, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Illinois. In 1908 they removed to Wapello county, where their last days were passed. In their family were eight children, of whom five are now living: Hattie B., the widow of S. J. Jones; Morgan L., of this review; Owen J., who is living in Elmwood, Illinois; Charles D., a resident of Indiana; and Henry A., of Ottumwa.

Morgan L. Truitt remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. The educational privileges which he enjoyed were those offered by the common schools. After reaching man's estate he rented land in Illinois and began farming on his own account, spending seventeen years in that way. In 1902 he came to Wapello county, where he purchased a farm, but it was not until five years later that he took up his abode in this county. About seven years have since come and gone and in this period he has firmly established himself as one of the progressive agriculturists of the community. His farm of one hundred and eighty-three acres is neat and thrifty in appearance and gives evidence of the careful and practical supervision of the owner. The fields return good crops annually and in addition Mr. Truitt engages in the raising of stock and also conducts a dairy busi-

ness, keeping a number of high grade cows for that purpose. The products of his dairy find a ready sale upon the market, nor does he have any trouble in disposing of his stock and his grain, for he is recognized as a thoroughly reliable business man. Starting out in life empty-handed, he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, and his life history indicates what an individual may do if he possesses energy and determination.

On the 14th of January, 1891, Mr. Truitt was united in marriage to Miss Ophelia E. Jones, a native of West Virginia and a daughter of Milo and Eleanor (Hamilton) Jones, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. In the year 1865 they removed westward to Illinois, settling in Woodford county, and later they became residents of Marshall county, that state, where both the father and mother remained until they were called to their final rest. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones were born five children: Dora, the wife of William Bickel of Wapello county; Julia, the wife of John Goodell of Jefferson county, Iowa; Mrs. Truitt; and two who have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Truitt have a son, Lawrence, who was born January 7, 1893, and is now attending college in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

In his political views Mr. Truitt is a democrat, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is a member of the Grange at Agency and is now serving on the school board. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are people of the highest respectability, his career being a practical demonstration of the fact that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

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### JOSEPH ALEXANDER HARLAN.

Sixty-three years have come and gone since Joseph Alexander Harlan became a resident of Wapello county. He is now living retired in Ottumwa, enjoying a well earned rest, but for many years he was closely associated with agricultural interests in this section of the state and also engaged in the breeding of shorthorn cattle. He is now nearing the seventy-ninth milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred in Union county, Indiana, November 24, 1835. His parents were Aaron and Lucetta (Conaway) Harlan. The father, a native of Tennessee, born in 1805, was but five years of age when in 1810 he accom-



M<sup>R</sup>. AND M<sup>RS</sup>. JOSEPH A. HARLAN  
Taken on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage





panied his father, George Harlan, to Indiana, where the latter died in 1813. The son had the usual experiences of the pioneer settler in a heavily timbered country. Having arrived at years of maturity he wedded Lucetta Conaway, who was born in North Carolina, in 1805, and in her girlhood days was taken by her parents to Indiana. They were married in Union county and there resided until 1851, when they drove across the country to Wapello county. There were two families who made the trip. They had two teams and Joseph A. Harlan drove a team for his neighbors. After reaching his destination he bought a farm four miles north of Ottumwa on the Kirkville road and there continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits until the third of April, 1863, when death claimed him. He was also a local preacher in the Christian church, and his life was an influencing factor for good in the community in which he made his home. His widow resided on the farm as long as she was able and then removed to Ottumwa, where she passed away January 3, 1876. They had a family of nine sons and three daughters, and of this number nine reached years of maturity. The only ones now living are: Joseph A., of this review; James S., of St. Louis, and Elizabeth, the wife of E. B. Davis of Ottumwa.

Joseph A. Harlan spent the first sixteen years of his life in his native county and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Wapello county, where he has lived since September, 1851. For an extended period, therefore, he has been a witness of the growth, progress and development of this section of the state. He turned his attention to farming and his was a life of arduous and unrelenting toil until he reached the age of fifty-five years, when he put aside the more strenuous work of the farm and removed to Ottumwa. He took charge of a farm belonging to his father when but seventeen years of age, and as the years passed he not only carefully cultivated his fields, but also engaged in the breeding of shorthorn cattle for ten years. He is now the owner of a number of dwellings in the city and from his property derives a good annual income.

On November 4th, 1855, Mr. Harlan was united in marriage in Wapello county by Judge Silas Osborn to Miss Bellona Nosler, who was born in Putnam county, Indiana, July 17, 1839, a daughter of Christian and Martha (Denny) Nosler, the father a native of Tennessee and the mother of Mercer county, Kentucky. They brought their family from Indiana to Iowa in 1843 and were afterward residents of Wapello county. The father

entered land about four miles north of the present site of the city, although the town had not been established, and he became one of the pioneer agriculturists of the district. He converted wild prairie into rich and productive fields, and upon the farm which he developed, both he and his wife spent their remaining days. They were the parents of four daughters and two sons: James H., who was mortally wounded at the battle of Shiloh and died two weeks later in Keokuk; Mrs. Harlan; Elmira, who is the widow of Joseph Davis of Faith, South Dakota; Mary Evans, deceased; Eudora, the wife of H. C. Nosler of Ottumwa; and George F., of New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan had ten children: Charles F., who died in 1894, leaving a widow and two children; Addie, who is the widow of A. S. Spear and lives in this county; Julian George, a resident of Atlanta, Georgia; Carl S., who makes his home in Oakland, California; Martha, the wife of Dr. E. A. Sheafe, of Ottumwa, Ia.; Estella, the wife of John R. Criley of Decatur, Illinois; T. K., of Ottumwa; Mary, the wife of Benjamin Glew of Creston, Iowa; Bertha, the wife of H. L. Hills of Des Moines, and one who died in infancy. There are also thirty grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Harlan lacked twenty days of being old enough to vote at the time when Fremont was the candidate of the republican party. He afterward supported that party for many years and is now identified with the progressive movement. For forty years he has been a member of the Christian church and has ever endeavored to faithfully follow the golden rule. He and his wife tell many interesting tales of pioneer life, for they resided in this county at a period when they made practically everything they had and raised everything which they ate, and when the Indians were still in the county. When Mr. Harlan drove from Indiana to this state, a distance of five hundred miles, they crossed but one railroad track, and that at Indianapolis. Mrs. Harlan remembers when there was only one little store in Ottumwa, conducted by Mr. Lyons. Her girlhood was spent in a log cabin upon the prairies and the first school which she attended was held in a log building having an immense fireplace in one end of the room. Her father, however, although in limited circumstances at the time of his arrival, became a man of considerable means before his death. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harlan can well remember when the greater part of the dwellings were log cabins, when much of the land was still unclaimed and

uncultivated, and when Ottumwa gave no promise of ever becoming the thriving, progressive and populous city that it is today.

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### JOHN C. PROSSER.

John C. Prosser is engaged in the cultivation of a farm of one hundred and eighteen acres on section 2, Center township, the place being situated on the Milner Street road, a quarter of a mile south of the city limits of Ottumwa, so that the advantages of town as well as country life are enjoyed by the family. His attention has been given to general agricultural pursuits since 1874. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1844, a son of John and Margaret (Gittens) Prosser. The father's birth occurred in South Wales and when he was eleven years of age he accompanied his parents, David and Margaret Prosser, to the new world. He was the third in order of birth in their family, the others being: David, William, Thomas, James, Elizabeth and Mary A. David Prosser, the grandfather, followed farming and merchandising after coming to the new world, and his last days were spent in Birmingham, Pennsylvania.

John Prosser spent the greater part of his life in Pennsylvania and followed the occupation of carpentering. He was a very industrious man, working hard and saving his money. He was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Margaret Gittens, who was of English lineage and who died of cholera in 1849. To them were born four children: John C.; Christopher, of Center township; Margaret; and Mary Ann. The daughters died of cholera about the time of the mother's death. Later, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, the father wedded Eliza Bratt. The family resided at Sharon until their removal to the west, at which time they went down the canal and thence by railroad and the river to Keokuk, where they hired a man to bring them by wagon to Wapello county, where they arrived on the 13th of June, 1856. The father operated a ferry for about ten years where the Market street bridge in Ottumwa is now seen. He owned a tract of land on the river that covered the site of the park and later he engaged in the milling business on Soap Creek and at Port Richmond, now a part of South Ottumwa. His death occurred in Ottumwa in 1884 when he was in the sixty-third year of his age.



John C. Prosser learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of his father and afterward went to St. Louis, where he was employed for a year. For three years he operated a ferry at Richmond and in 1874 turned his attention to farming. In connection with his wife he now owns one hundred and eighteen acres of land on section 2, Center township, only a quarter of a mile from the city limits of Ottumwa. He has brought his place to a high state of cultivation, the fields yielding to him splendid crops annually, owing to his practical and progressive methods. Everything about the place is kept in good condition, the farm is divided into fields of convenient size by substantially built fences and the latest improved machinery is used in planting, plowing and harvesting.

In 1869 Mr. Prosser was united in marriage to Miss Exira C. Mulford, who was born in Morrow county, Ohio, December 24, 1849. In July, 1854, the parents drove across the country to Wapello county, where Mrs. Prosser has since resided. Her father, Lewis Mulford, was born in New Jersey, November 26, 1812, and it was in Ohio that he married Amy Miller, whose birth occurred in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1818. Mr. Mulford was a harness maker by trade and followed that pursuit for some years after he came to Iowa, yet for an extended period also carried on farming. He resided near Ottumwa and passed away in 1873, while his wife, surviving him for about seventeen years, departed this life in 1890. They were the parents of seven children, two of whom died in early life, while five reached mature years. The record is as follows: Harvey W. was killed at the battle of Champion's Hill while serving as a member of Company D, Seventeenth Iowa Infantry, in which he enlisted in 1861. Sarah is the wife of Samuel Holloway of Boise, Idaho. Mrs. Prosser is the next of the family. William died in Denver in 1899. Charles E. is living in Portland, Oregon. Florence and Frances both died in childhood. To Mr. and Mrs. Prosser have been born seven children: Charles Lewis, at home; Rosa May, who died at the age of five months; Edna Pearl, at home; Harry Otto, who died at the age of two years; Walter C., who died in infancy; Harvey John, of Ottumwa; and Herbert Hope, who died at the age of two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Prosser have traveled quite extensively over the United States. Although reared in the faith of the democratic party, of which his father was a staunch adherent, Mr.

Prosser gives his political allegiance to the republican party, believing that its platform contains the best elements of good government. For many years he has served as school director and has ever been much interested in the cause of education, recognizing that the public school is one of the bulwarks of the nation. For an extended period he has been a resident of this county and for forty years has been identified with its agricultural interests. Industry and energy are numbered among his salient characteristics, and it has been these qualities which have brought to him the substantial measure of success which he now enjoys and which enables him to travel and get much out of life. In all of his business dealings he has been strictly fair and reliable, and in other relations of life he has commanded and enjoyed the respect and good-will of his associates.

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#### E. E. PARKS.

Since pioneer times the name of Parks has been connected with the history of Wapello county and has ever been a synonym for progressive citizenship and for enterprise in business. E. E. Parks was born in this county, August 25, 1865, and is a son of Clinton and Milly J. (Hill) Parks, both of whom were natives of Ohio, but came to Iowa at an early day and settled upon a farm in Wapello county, casting in their lot with its pioneer residents. For many years thereafter the father continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits, but his life's labors were ended in death April 2, 1898, when he had attained the age of seventy-six years, eight months and two days. The mother is still living. In their family were eight children: Joseph, a resident of Ottumwa; Sarah, the wife of William Opp, of Ottumwa; Oliver, deceased; Wesley, of Ottumwa; E. E., of Kirkville; Edward, who has passed away; and Anna M., the wife of Grant Smith, and Fred, both of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

E. E. Parks remained at home until twenty-one years of age and during that period was trained in farm work, early becoming acquainted with all the labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. On reaching adult age he began farming on his own account, renting land for five years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings until he was able to purchase his present place, a farm of forty-four acres on section 18, Richland town-

ship. He acquired a common-school education but had no special advantages to aid him in starting out in life. Energy and industry have constituted the foundation of his success, which places him among the substantial farmers of his township.

On the 26th of October, 1887, Mr. Parks was united in marriage to Miss Ada Bridges, who was born in this county, a daughter of Milton and Susan (Clark) Bridges, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Ohio. They came to Iowa during an early period in the development of the state, and Mrs. Bridges passed away in Monroe county, November 6, 1906, at the age of sixty-five years. The father departed this life in Montana, August 24, 1911, at the age of seventy-six years. In their family were ten children, including Mrs. Parks, who by her marriage has become the mother of a daughter and son: Lulu, the wife of Harry Reed, of this county, by whom she has one son, Kenneth; and Leo G., at home. Mrs. Parks is a member of the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Parks belongs to several fraternal organizations, including Lodge No. 442, A. F. & A. M.; and Lodge No. 47, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs. He is likewise connected with the Red Men at Kirkville, and he and his wife are affiliated with the Rebekah degree of Odd Fellowship. He has always voted with the republican party and has served as road supervisor, while at the present time he is filling the office of township trustee. He has ever been loyal to the best interests of the community and has cooperated in many plans and movements for the general good. Wherever known he is held in high esteem and most of all where he is best known.

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#### F. G. BUXTON.

F. G. Buxton is well known in business circles of Ottumwa as a wholesale dealer in butter and eggs and has conducted a creamery and ice cream factory here for the past twenty-one years. His birth occurred in England on the 10th of December, 1862, his parents being John and Bessie (Thompson) Buxton, who were likewise natives of that country. The father emigrated to the United States in 1868 and made his way direct to Wapello county, Iowa, but subsequently removed to Oklahoma, in which



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state his demise occurred in 1911. Unto him and his wife were born two children, but only our subject survives.

F. G. Buxton accompanied his grandfather to America in 1870, when a little lad of eight years. They settled in Wapello county, and Mr. Buxton has remained within its borders throughout the intervening forty-four years. His education was acquired in the common schools. In 1893 he embarked in business on his own account as the proprietor of a creamery and ice cream factory in Ottumwa and has since built up an enviable patronage as a wholesale dealer in butter and eggs. He has won a gratifying and well deserved measure of success in this connection and has long been numbered among the enterprising and representative business men of the city.

On the 10th of December, 1882, Mr. Buxton was united in marriage to Miss Lenna Leotta Mefford, a native of this county and a daughter of William and Diana Mefford, who were born in Pennsylvania. The father is deceased, but the mother survives. Mr. and Mrs. Buxton have two children, Vernon and Estelle, both of whom are high-school students.

Mr. Buxton has always supported the men and measures of the republican party, but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church, to which his wife also belongs. During his long residence in Wapello county he has gained many warm friends who hold him in high regard because of his true worth and sterling characteristics.

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#### A. W. HOLZHAUSER.

For forty-one years A. W. Holzhauser resided continuously upon the farm which is now occupied by his family in Compe-tine township. He was a native of France, born in Havre, March 25, 1849, but was just three days old when his parents sailed for America. He was a son of George P. and Mary Phoebe (Deuser) Holzhauser. The father, a native of Germany, crossed the Atlantic with his family in 1849 and first made his way to Louisville, Kentucky, where he resided for two years. He then removed to Iowa and his death occurred in this state in 1854. To him and his wife had been born four children, two of whom yet survive.

A. W. Holzhauser was a little lad of but five summers at the time of his father's death. He continued to live with his mother until he attained his majority and then removed to the farm upon which his widow now resides. He first rented the tract, continuing to lease it for some years, and afterward he purchased the farm, becoming owner of one hundred and seventy-six acres on section 7, Competine township.

On the 5th of October, 1871, Mr. Holzhauser was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Ritter, the youngest daughter of John P. and Katherine (Shriner) Ritter, both of whom were natives of Germany. In 1857 they bade adieu to friends and fatherland and sailed for the United States. After reaching this country they made their way to Keokuk county, Iowa, and took up their abode upon a farm, where their remaining days were passed. The father died in 1871 and the mother subsequently departed this life. In their family were twelve children. To Mr. and Mrs. Holzhauser have been born ten children: Mary C., who was born in 1872, and is now the wife of Adam L. Grenig of Hancock county, Illinois; Emma, who was born February 25, 1874, and is the wife of Amos Crile of Jefferson county, Iowa; Lizzie, who was born February 4, 1875, and is the wife of Joseph Greiner, now of North Dakota; Clara, who was born July 8, 1876, and died in infancy; George P., who was born May 28, 1877, and is living in Competine township; John P., who was born September 29, 1878, and makes his home in Woodburn, Iowa; Joseph A., who was born January 11, 1880, and passed away in 1899; Charles W., who was born August 4, 1883, and is a resident of North Dakota; William D., who was born July 6, 1886, and is living upon the home farm, his wife having formerly been Lydia Jane Harkins; and Margaretta F., who was born July 8, 1889, and is the wife of William Morgan of Hedrick, Iowa.

The death of the husband and father occurred December 2, 1912, and he left a widow and eight children to mourn his loss, his death being also the occasion of deep regret to many friends. Mr. Holzhauser was a self-made man, for he started out in life empty handed, having no one to assist him. Gradually he worked his way upward, carefully managing his business interests until he was able to invest in what is now the homestead property, becoming owner of one hundred and seventy-six acres, which he converted into a valuable and highly productive farm that is now the property of his widow. He belonged to

the German Lutheran church and his Christian faith guided his entire life, making him a man honorable and upright in every relation. Mrs. Holzhauser and her children also belong to the same church and the family is one highly respected throughout the section in which they live.

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### D. D. CONNELLY.

D. D. Connelly may well be termed a self-made man, for he has always depended upon his own resources for success. A prominent financier has said, "If you would win success, you must be willing to pay the price—the price of earnest, self-denying effort," and this Mr. Connelly has done, concentrating his attention upon business interests that in time have gained him a place among the substantial residents of the county. He was born in this county, June 16, 1869, and is a son of W. W. and Elizabeth Connelly, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. His youthful days were spent in his father's home and his time was divided between the work of the fields, the pleasures of the playground and the duties of the schoolroom. He acquired a common-school education and had further instruction at Quincy, Illinois. After attaining his majority he started out in life on his own account and spent a year in farming. He was afterward bookkeeper for the E. T. Harris Company in Chicago for a year and on the expiration of that period returned to this county and has since devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits, with the result that close application and intelligently directed effort have brought to him a gratifying measure of prosperity. He now owns two hundred and eighty acres on sections 24 and 25, Agency township, and the place is splendidly improved with modern equipments and accessories. Everything about the farm indicates his careful supervision and his fields promise rich harvests. He studies rotation of crops and all methods which will facilitate his work. He makes a specialty of raising hogs and of dairying and keeps a number of cows for dairy purposes. The different branches of his business are bringing to him gratifying success.

On the 26th of January, 1893, Mr. Connelly was united in marriage to Miss Osa Giltner, who was born in Agency township and is a daughter of Andrew and Emma (Warren) Giltner.



the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Connelly have been born seven children: Ada L., who was born September 14, 1895, is a graduate of the Agency high school and, after spending one year in the State Normal school at Cedar Falls, she is now engaged in teaching. Joe H., born December 6, 1897, is a high school pupil. Areva M., born December 20, 1900, is also attending high school. Lela Mabel, born September 27, 1902, Olive Opal, born October 4, 1904, and George H., born December 20, 1906, are all in school. Frank M., born January 28, 1909, completes the family. Mr. Connelly has ever been a staunch advocate of education and the improvement of the schools and has served as president of the school board for nine years. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are earnest, consistent Christian people. His political indorsement is given the democratic party, nor does he hold the obligations of citizenship lightly, but makes earnest effort to meet every duty devolving upon him in this connection. His life may well serve as an inspiration and an example to others, who, like himself, must depend upon their own efforts for the attainment of prosperity.

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### L. T. CRISMAN.

L. T. Crisman is a worthy exponent of business enterprise in Wapello county, where he is today well known as secretary, treasurer and manager of the L. T. Crisman Company, engaged in the contracting, building and manufacturing business. Success tauntingly plays before the dreamer but yields its fruits to the man of resolute, determined purpose and such is L. T. Crisman known to be. He was born in Morgan county, Illinois, June 28, 1866. His father, also a native of that state, made farming his principal business but was a butcher by trade. He married Katherine Scott, and both have now passed away, the father's death occurring July 31, 1872, and the mother's January 7, 1897. In their family were five children: Mrs. Mary A. Brant, Ara A. Ball, L. T. Crisman, Ella C. Stroud and Susan F. Thorne.

L. T. Crisman, reared in his native state, remained a resident of Illinois until about twenty years of age, when, on the 15th of February, 1886, he came to Ottumwa and engaged in prospect-



L. T. CRISMAN



ing for coal for the Hawk Eye Coal Company. Later in the spring he turned his attention to carpenter work in the employ of H. N. McCoy. On January 1, 1889, he began contracting and a few months later formed a partnership with James Clifton, a contractor of Sigourney. This partnership continued for a period of two years, after which time he continued alone until 1897 when he formed a partnership with Robert McMaster, having an office at 116 East Second street, and later in 1899 purchasing the planing mill at 314 West Main street, now known as the Ottumwa Mill & Construction Company. This company was known as L. T. Crisman & Company for a period of two years, after which they incorporated and took in W. E. Cook as a third partner, incorporating under the name of L. T. Crisman Company. He was president and manager of that concern until March 24, 1905, when he sold his interest and went into the company known as the Ottumwa Brewing & Ice Company, and was president and manager of that concern for a period of about one year and six months, during which time he built and equipped the brewery. One month before handing in his resignation he had been elected president and manager for the third time. His resignation was accepted November 10, 1906. January 1, 1907, he started in the contracting and building business again, taking in as partners W. S. Wells and John H. Meier. Later in the season they purchased an interest in the Middle West Planing Mill and incorporated July 1, 1907, under the name of L. T. Crisman Company, which business has been conducted at 138-140 Church street ever since. L. T. Crisman was the president and manager of the above company for two years after which they changed the board of directors and made August Diehn, president, and L. T. Crisman, secretary, treasurer and manager. The corporation has continued until the present time under this management. This company is engaged in the manufacture of all classes of odd mill work, store fixtures, bank fixtures, etc.

Mr. Crisman is, also, a director of the Ottumwa Supply & Construction Company, and his activity and success place him among the leading representatives of industrial activity in this city.

On the 8th of January, 1893, Mr. Crisman was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Kiefer, who was born in Van Buren county, a daughter of Adam and Anna Kiefer, who are now living in Ottumwa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Crisman have been



born three children: Vern B., deceased; Charles Ancil; and Claudine Doris.

Mr. Crisman is a democrat and in the latter part of 1910 was appointed a member of the city council. He belongs to No. 16, A. F. & A. M. and No. 347, B. P. O. E. and is a member of the Commercial Association, of which he is a director. He is in hearty sympathy with the purposes of the latter organization, which seeks to upbuild and benefit the city along business lines. He is well known, for his industrial activity has gained him a place among the representative men of Ottumwa.

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### ALBERT D. WILSON.

Albert D. Wilson resides at No. 2002 West Second street, just outside the city limits of Ottumwa. For an extended period he was identified with agricultural pursuits in this county and employed modern methods in the cultivation and development of his fields, but is now living retired, having in 1913 put aside the more active work of the farm and taken up his abode at his present place of residence.

Mr. Wilson was born in Center township, a mile and a quarter west of the city limits of Ottumwa on the Eddyville Road, July 30, 1864, a son of Prier S. Wilson, who for many years was a leading farmer of Wapello county, where he became the owner of an excellent farm of four hundred acres, situated on sections 10 and 15, Center township. He was born in Monroe county, Indiana, July 22, 1838, and came of Irish ancestry, although the family has been represented on this side of the water for many generations. The father and grandfather of Prier S. Wilson were both natives of Kentucky and made farming their life work. In the year 1849 Prier S. Wilson arrived in Wapello county, but after a brief period removed to Van Buren county. In 1852, however, he returned to this county and successfully engaged in farming. In 1860 he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, constituting the nucleus of the old homestead farm, to which he afterward added from time to time until his possessions aggregated four hundred acres. In 1862 he built his first house, also erected a large barn fifty by one hundred feet and other outbuildings for the protection of grain and stock. A number of years afterward he erected another resi-

dence and subsequent to that time built a third house. He brought his land to a high state of cultivation, harvesting about four thousand bushels of grain annually and also raising cattle and hogs on an extensive scale. Splendid success attended his efforts as farmer and stock dealer, and he also embarked in the real-estate business, buying and selling farms.

In 1858 Prier S. Wilson was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Stephenson, and to them were born five children: Nancy, Laura E., Albert D., Emery M. and T. H., all now living with the exception of the last named.

Albert D. Wilson resided at the place of his birth until May 15, 1899, or for a period of thirty-five years. He then removed to his farm one-half mile west of Ottumwa and made his home there until January 15, 1913, when he took up his abode at his present place of residence, just outside the city limits at No. 2002 West Second street. He now rents his farm of two hundred acres, which is situated on sections 3, 10 and 15, Center township. For many years he there conducted dairy farming, having been associated with his father and brother in the dairy business, while for about thirty-five years he was alone. At one time he kept about eighty cows for dairy purposes, at which time he was in partnership with his father and when alone in the business he had twenty-five cows. His interests were carefully conducted, and his unfaltering enterprise and unabating energy were the salient elements in his success. He has ten acres of land in his home place, and he also owns a number of other pieces of property in the city, having made judicious investments in real estate, wherefrom he now derives a gratifying annual income.

In 1884 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Amy F. Graves, who was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, November 28, 1862, a daughter of O. C. and Harriet F. (Humphrey) Graves. Her father was born in Independence, Jefferson county, Missouri, in 1833, and the genealogy of the family gives the ancestral records in the United States and in England back to the thirteenth century. O. C. Graves came to Wapello county in early childhood in company with his parents and passed away in the home now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson on the 8th of March, 1913. He was one of eleven children, who had but limited opportunities in youth, and he worked his way through college by setting type. All of his life he was a printer and editor, being connected in an editorial capacity with a number of different papers. He was a man of very decided views, outspoken and fearless and did

not hesitate to sign his name to his writings, never hiding behind the commonly used editorial "we" of the present day. His first wife died in 1864, and he afterward married again. His children were Horace L., who died at the age of nineteen years; and Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Graves was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church and in early life joined that denomination, but while a student at Antioch College, he became an investigator of spiritualism and in later life ardently supported that belief. He made the golden rule the leading principle of his life and never lost an opportunity to do good.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were born seven children: Fred D., of Moline, Illinois, who married Theresa Burns and has three children, Mildred, Darrel and Elfreda; Albert H., of South Ottumwa, who married Rose Mielkey and has two children, Harold and Merle; Horace R., of South Ottumwa, who married Bertha Lang; Oliver Clyde, who wedded Florence Hendrickson; and Raymond P., Harriet and Edith, all at home.

Mr. Wilson is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of the county. His life has been a busy, active and useful one, and the energy and determination which he has displayed have enabled him to overcome many difficulties and obstacles. He worked persistently and energetically while improving his farm and conducting his dairy business and now is living practically retired upon his small but attractive place at the outskirts of Ottumwa, enjoying the well earned rest which has come to him.

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### JAMES F. KNOX.

For almost a half century James F. Knox has been a resident of Center township and for twenty-seven years he has resided upon his present farm on section 32, where he owns one hundred and thirty-seven acres of rich and productive land. There are good improvements upon his place and the well tilled fields indicate a life of industry, perseverance and determination. Iowa numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred near Belknap, in Davis county, October 19, 1856, his parents being William and Sarah (Hare) Knox, who were natives of Northern Ireland and were of Presbyterian faith. They were reared on the Emerald isle and Mr. Knox crossed

the Atlantic to New York when twenty-one years of age. He was employed in the eastern metropolis at the trade of a weaver for a time and afterward removed to Steubenville, Ohio, where he followed the same business. In the year 1850 he arrived in Lucas county, Iowa, where he worked at his trade until 1861. With the outbreak of the Civil war his patriotic spirit was aroused in behalf of his adopted land and he enlisted from Bloomfield as a member of the Iowa Gray Beards, or the Thirty-seventh Infantry Regiment. He thus served for three years on active duty and made a most creditable military record. Following the close of hostilities he engaged in farming and in 1866 removed to Wapello county, owning a small place in Center township. His political allegiance was always given the democratic party, but he never sought nor desired public office. He died in Center township in 1884 at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife, surviving him for a decade, passed away in 1894 at the age of eighty years. They were always loyal to the faith of the Presbyterian church, in which they held membership. Their family numbered seven children: Joseph, who became a recruit at Bloomfield and served during the last eighteen months of the war with Company C., of the Third Iowa Cavalry and passed away in 1882, leaving a widow and four children; Sarah and Margaret, who died in infancy; Margaret, the second of the name, who became the wife of W. A. Carter and now lives in Minnesota; Eliza, the wife of T. C. Peck, of Nebraska; William, who died at the age of eleven years; and James F.

The last named has been a resident of Center township since 1866, with the exception of two years spent in Adams township and a year and a half in Nebraska. He was a little lad of but ten summers when the family home was here established. He is today the owner of one hundred and thirty-seven acres of arable land on section 32, Center township, and has remained upon this farm for twenty-seven years. The result of his care and labor is seen in highly cultivated fields and good buildings, always kept in repair. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the cultivation and care of the crops and his business methods are productive of excellent results.

Mr. Knox has been married twice. In 1883 he wedded Hannah M. Scully, who was born in Massachusetts, and died in this county in 1901. There were five children of that union: Joseph, who is living in Ottumwa; Anna, the wife of John Young; Sarah A., a teacher of this county; Eva, who died at



the age of eighteen years; and John, who follows farming. In May, 1907, Mr. Knox was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary S. Chisman, a widow who had six sons: Carl, Wilbur, Austin, Paul, Harold and Herbert, the last two being at home. Unto the second marriage of Mr. Knox two children were born: Hazel and Ellis, but the former died at the age of thirteen months.

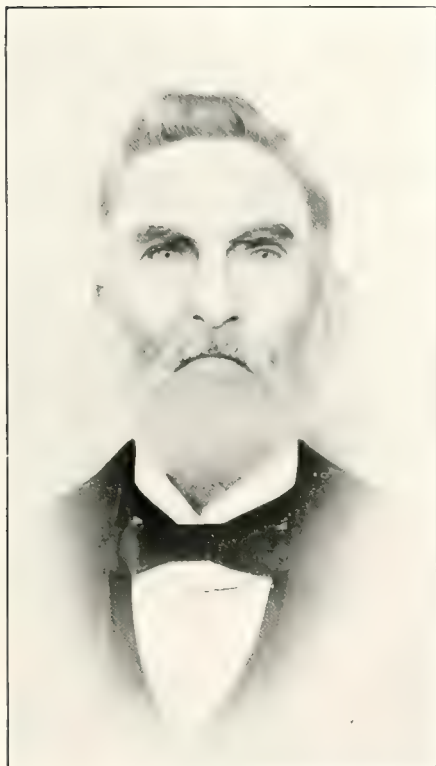
In his political views Mr. Knox is a stalwart republican, thoroughly in sympathy with the principles of the party, for he believes that its platform contains the best elements of good government. He is serving as one of the trustees of his township, being the incumbent in the office for the fifth year, his reelection indicating how faithfully he has served the people in that connection. There are no unusual events in his life history, no spectacular phases. It has been through the careful performance of his daily duties and his loyalty in citizenship that he has been firmly established as a representative resident of this district.

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### LUTHER HITE.

Luther Hite was one of the pioneers of Wapello county, passing away on his home farm near Ottumwa, April 20, 1913, at the patriarchal age of eighty-five years. He was an industrious farmer, a self-made man who acquired his earthly possessions by his own efforts. When he died he owned a valuable three hundred acre farm—the outward evidence of years of arduous labor and good business management.

Luther Hite was born in Greenfield, Ohio, February 10, 1828, a son of John and Elizabeth (Ware) Hite, natives of Nelson county, Virginia. The father was born May 11, 1799, and the mother July 3, 1804. They were early settlers of Ohio, the mother passing away in that state, September 29, 1840. Her husband subsequently came to Wapello county, Iowa, where he owned a farm upon which the Jefferson school in Ottumwa now stands. In fact he donated this site for school purposes. He later went to Clarinda, Iowa, where he died March 8, 1879. He was twice married and there were five children born to the first union and four to the second.



MR. AND MRS. LUTHER HITE



Luther Hite was reared under the parental roof and received his schooling in Ohio. In 1849, when he had reached his majority, he decided to seek the opportunities of the middle west and came to Iowa where he devoted his energies to farming. He led a quiet and industrious life, steadily improving his land, erecting new buildings and making his farm one of the best of his neighborhood. He gradually added to his holdings and at the time of his death owned three hundred acres of most valuable land. He always followed up-to-date methods and in the management of his enterprise showed good judgment and business ability. All of his possessions were acquired through his own efforts, and there is great credit due him because of his industry and perseverance in attaining a substantial position in life.

Mr. Hite was twice married, his first union being with Miss Elizabeth Monroe, who was born April 30, 1829, and died in Ottumwa. They had four children: Elizabeth, deceased, whose birth occurred October 2, 1853, and who married W. G. Smith; John, who was born November 26, 1856, and died April 12, 1880; Rosa, who was born April 1, 1860, and died in 1861; and Frank, who was born August 1, 1862, and is an agriculturist of Jefferson county, Iowa, residing near Eldon. He married Bertha Acton and has two children, Harold and Mary. On April 6, 1876, Mr. Hite married again, this union being with Miss Elizabeth McCune, who survives him and now resides on the home place. They had one child, Hervey W., born on the homestead June 15, 1879. There he has resided all his life and now operates the farm. On February 17, 1904, he married Nellie Fern McElroy, who was born in Wapello county, April 21, 1886, and is a daughter of John McElroy. To this union have been born two children, Susie Helen and Lewis Luther. Mrs. Elizabeth (McCune) Hite was born in Ireland, September 7, 1851, a daughter of John and Eliza (Crighton) McCune, natives of Scotland, who were the parents of four sons and four daughters. They emigrated from the land of Erin to America, settling in Ohio when Mrs. Hite was yet a child. Before the Civil war they came to Iowa, making their home in Wapello county, where both passed away. In this connection it may be of interest to mention that Mr. Hite's mother, both of his wives, his sister and a daughter were all named Elizabeth.

Mr. Hite was a republican, quietly supporting that party and always discharging faithfully his citizen's duties. He often



gave support to valuable enterprises but had no taste for public office. He was a devout Presbyterian and a charter member of the First Presbyterian church of Ottumwa. He died April 20, 1913, and with him passed from the stage of life one of the best beloved men in the county and one who had been of much use to his fellow citizens. His many friends cherish his memory as that of a man who was guided by the highest purposes in life.

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### JOHN LANCEY.

John Lancey, who has departed this life, was well known in Richland township and Wapello county and at his death left behind many warm friends who esteemed him highly for his sterling traits of character. He was a native of Devonshire, England, born November 25, 1840, and was a son of Philip and Fanny Lancey, who were also natives of the same country, in which they spent their entire lives. They had a family of seven children, two of whom are yet living in England.

John Lancey was reared and educated in that country. He had no special advantages at the outset of his career, but he possessed the substantial qualities of energy and industry and upon these he builded his later success. Ere he left his native land he was married to Miss Eliza Colkins, who was born in England and is a daughter of William and Elizabeth Colkins, who were likewise natives of Devonshire that country, where they remained until called to their final rest. They had a family of nine children, three of whom survive.

It was on the 3d of August, 1862, that Mr. Lancey was married, after which he removed with his young wife to Wales, where he remained for more than two decades, or until 1884, when they sailed for the United States. They did not tarry on the eastern coast, but made their way at once into the interior of the country, settling at Kirkville, where they remained for two years. Mr. Lancey carried on coal mining for two years and then purchased a farm of one hundred and forty-two acres on section 20, Richland township. This he at once began to develop and improve, erected good buildings and added many modern equipments and accessories as the years passed on, including the latest improved machinery.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lancey were born twelve children: Edward, Mary A., William and John, all of whom have passed away; James, who follows farming in Richland township; Mary Ann, at home; Elizabeth, the wife of Davis Orr; Thomas, living in Ottumwa; Margaret, the wife of John A. Fosburg; Edward and David, both living in Ottumwa; and Katharine, the wife of David Truman, of Monroe county.

The death of the husband and father occurred November 10, 1907, and he was laid to rest in the Kirkville cemetery. Many friends, as well as his immediate family, mourned his loss, for he had proved his worth as a man and citizen during the years of his residence here. Mrs. Lancey still owns the old home farm, upon which she resides with her daughter. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Kirkville and, like her husband, she has many warm friends in this part of the state, where she has lived almost continuously since coming to America in 1884.

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### I. SELLARS.

I. Sellars is a prosperous farmer of Wapello county, owning a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Richland township, to the cultivation of which he devotes his entire attention. He was born on this farm, December 13, 1844, and is a son of James and Mary (Parks) Sellars, the father a native of Tennessee and the mother of Pennsylvania. They came to Wapello county in the early '40s and homesteaded a farm, where they built a log cabin with the proverbial stick chimney, the puncheon floor and the door with a latch string. There they lived until their death, the father passing away in the '50s, his widow surviving him for about a half century, dying in 1898. In their family were nine children, of whom six are living. Upon the father's death Mrs. Sellars married Seth Fairchild, and to this union two children were born, both of whom are living.

I. Sellars operated the home farm for his mother and the other heirs until the death of the former and then bought the old homestead, on which he has ever since lived. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 29, Richland township, all of which is in a high state of productivity. He

has erected substantial buildings and has always followed the most modern and up-to-date methods. The latest machinery can be found upon his farm, and he does everything in his power to facilitate labor and increase the yield of his fields. He is a typical modern agriculturist, progressive and ever ready to embrace new ideas and has set up standards which are profitably followed by other farmers.

In 1907 Mr. Sellars married Mrs. Ellen Daugherty, a native of Ohio and a daughter of I. W. Spencer, who was born in that state. By her first marriage Mrs. Sellars had one daughter, Laura, who makes her home with her mother and stepfather. Mrs. Sellars is a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and interested in its work. Her husband is public-spirited and has participated in the public life of his township. He is a republican and is devoted to his party. He has always been interested in the good roads movement and for two terms has served as road supervisor. All who know Mr. and Mrs. Sellars are agreed as to their high qualities of character and render them the esteem and respect which is their due.

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### S. K. ALDERDICE.

S. K. Alderdice, living on section 11, Center township, is a well known farmer of his locality, owning an excellent tract of land of sixty-four and a half acres adjoining the corporation limits of Ottumwa on the north. This farm is devoted to the raising of all kinds of fruit and Mr. Alderdice enjoys an enviable reputation as a horticulturist. He was born in Knox county, Illinois, March 10, 1857, and is a son of Jacob and Caroline (Keyser) Alderdice, who were natives of York county, Pennsylvania.

The father attended school in his native county until he reached early manhood and subsequently entered the cooperage business, in which he won notable success, becoming in time owner of the largest cooperage establishment in the United States, employing over two hundred men. In 1852 he sold out and went to Illinois, where he carried on farming. In 1862 he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company G, Seventy-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until July 5, 1865. He participated in

nine engagements and at all times proved his valor and his loyalty. Following the war he removed to Barton county, Missouri, and in 1874 came to Iowa. Subsequently he returned to Missouri, settling in Hamilton, where he passed away, his death occurring in 1887 when he was sixty-seven years of age. Following the war he devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and found farm work most congenial. Naturally he made a success of this and thus provided a comfortable living for his family. His wife survived him for almost two decades, passing away in Ottumwa in 1905 at the advanced age of eighty-four years. They were the parents of nine children, six sons and three daughters: Mary, the deceased wife of Captain Alexander Coleman; Katie, who died at the age of two years; William, living in Richland township; two sons who died in infancy; Anna, the wife of Martin Roland of Chicago; S. K., of this review; J. W., living in Ottumwa; and Frank, whose home is in Polo, Missouri.

S. K. Alderdice remained with his parents until 1871, accompanying them on their removals to Missouri and to Iowa. In that year he came to Ottumwa in order to attend school, living with a brother-in-law. A little later he returned to Missouri, where he joined his parents and in 1874 he returned with his parents to this state, the family remaining for six years, when, in 1880, the parents removed to Caldwell county, Missouri. S. K. Alderdice assisted his father in the farm work and early learned valuable lessons concerning industry, economy and persistency of purpose.

In 1883 he was united in marriage to Miss Addie V. Struble, of Hamilton, Missouri, who was born in Livingston county, New York, October 25, 1861, a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Stevenson) Struble, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Ireland. The father took his family to the south after the war and remained for two years, at the end of which time he returned to New York. A year later he removed to Battle Creek, Michigan, and afterward made his way to Hamilton, Missouri, where Mrs. Alderdice remained until her marriage. Her father passed away in New York while on a visit in that state, and his widow now resides in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Alderdice came to Ottumwa, where he engaged in the retail implement business for eleven years with J. R. Burgess. During the succeeding twelve years Mr. Alderdice was upon the road, representing the



McCormick interests, and at the end of that time he purchased his present place, comprising sixty-four and a half acres of rich and productive land lying to the north of Ottumwa. Here he is engaged in the cultivation of all kinds of fruit, including apples, peaches, pears, grapes, plums and berries. He has made a study of those best adapted to soil and climate and produces excellent varieties of fruits, for which he finds a ready sale. He also carries on general farming. His experience as a horticulturist has made him authority upon matters relating thereto, and his efforts have been crowned with most gratifying success.

Mr. and Mrs. Alderdice became parents of nine children: Ned K., who is traveling for the International Harvester Company and makes his home at Cherokee, Oklahoma; Fay, a resident of Mystic, Iowa; Max, who died at the age of thirteen months; May, the wife of Charles E. Leonard of Ottumwa; Samuel, who died at the age of thirteen months; Harry, William and Dewey, all at home; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Alderdice gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and by appointment is serving as assessor of Center township. He is well and favorably known. He possesses many attractive social qualities which render him popular, and his business characteristics are such as have gained for him respect, confidence and good-will.

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### J. W. DIXON.

In the period of early manhood J. W. Dixon became a resident of Ottumwa and through the years that followed was active not only in this city but in the commonwealth, studying closely the questions and issues that affected the welfare of city and state and giving earnest support to such measures as he believed would prove helpful in the work of public progress. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in 1832 and was a representative of one of the old and highly respected Quaker families of that state. J. W. Dixon, following his graduation from the law school at Poughkeepsie, New York, removed to Iowa in 1856 and soon became a prominent factor in connection with the history of the state.

Before leaving Pennsylvania Mr. Dixon was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Ann Vernon, who was likewise born in Pennsylvania. The Vernons came originally from Cheshire, England.



*J. M. Wilson*



Of Mrs. Dixon it has been said: "She was possessed of rare traits of character and her friends spoke of her as unselfish to a fault."

Mr. Dixon opened a law office and represented his district as senator in the ninth and tenth general assemblies and as representative in the fifteenth and sixteenth general assemblies. His statesmanship and the ability with which he handled many important problems did much toward shaping the public policy of Iowa concerning legislation at that period. He was the opponent of ex-Governor Gear for speaker of the house in a contest that continued for two weeks. His marked intellectual strength and broad knowledge, his independence and originality of thought and his pleasing and persuasive oratory made him a man of marked influence, and he left the impress of his individuality upon the history of the commonwealth. His position was never an equivocal one. He stood loyally for what he believed to be right and when convinced that he was following a correct course neither fear nor favor could cause him to change.

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### STEPHEN WILKINS,

For many years Stephen Wilkins contributed toward the agricultural development of Wapello county, where he still lives on the farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Keokuk township, which he has given to his children and where he is enjoying a life of ease won by former toil. He was born in Perry county, Ohio, February 29, 1836, a son of Ezekiel and Rebecca (Owens) Wilkins, both of Scotch ancestry. The paternal grandfather of our subject served in the Revolutionary war and his record was emulated by his grandson Stephen, who helped to defend the Union in the great strife between north and south. The parents came to Wapello county in 1856, the father settling on a farm to the cultivation of which he devoted the remainder of his days, both he and his wife dying there. They were the parents of nine children, of whom four have passed away. The living ones are: Stephen, of this review; G. W., of Clarke county, Iowa; Sarah Ann, of Nebraska; Rebecca, who married W. H. Robinson of Wapello county; and Mrs. Susanna Loy.

Stephen Wilkins was reared and passed his boyhood under the parental roof in Ohio, attending the schools of his home district. He came with his parents to this county and remained at



home until his marriage in 1857. He turned his attention to farming, renting for two years, at the end of which time he was enabled to buy the farm on which he now lives. On February 1, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company D, Fifteenth Iowa Infantry, and remaining with the colors for three years. He participated in the first battle of Shiloh and also was present at Corinth. He took part in all of the conflicts and skirmishes in which his regiment was engaged, numbering in all over one hundred and sixty, always excelling on account of faithfulness to duty and commendable gallantry. He was three times wounded and still carries a rebel bullet in his right thigh. He was mustered out at Davenport, returning subsequently to his wife and family. For many years he continued in the operation of his farm, which he made one of the most profitable of his neighborhood. All his fields were brought into high cultivation, and he erected substantial buildings and installed modern machinery, directing his enterprise in a judicious manner and receiving a gratifying income therefrom. He now lives practically retired and has deeded his farm to his children, their possession beginning upon his death.

On October 1, 1857, Mr. Wilkins married Miss Margaret Buchanan, who was born in Indiana and is a daughter of Samuel and Sarah J. (Toller) Buchanan, the former born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Indiana. Of their family of six children two are now living. Mr. Buchanan removed from Indiana to Jasper county, Illinois, and in 1855 came to Wapello county, where he and his wife both passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins became the parents of four children: Sarah Jane, deceased; one who died in infancy; George W., who farms in Keokuk township; and Minnie, the wife of John F. Watts, an agriculturist of Keokuk township. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and devoted to its work.

Mr. Wilkins is a republican, thoroughly interested in the progress of his township, in which he has held all of the offices. He also has held a position on the district school board. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 272, and has filled all the chairs in the local organization. He also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, by which means he keeps in contact with the soldier boys in blue who defended the flag in the greatest of our wars. Mr. Wilkins enjoys in full measure the respect and esteem of all who know him. He has now passed his

seventy-eighth birthday, yet he is hale and hearty, and greatly enjoys taking his rifle and going hunting. He is thoroughly conversant with the questions and issues of the day and takes an interest in all matters that affect his community and county.

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### AUGUST DIEHN.

August Diehn has been an active and successful representative of industrial interests in Ottumwa for the past fourteen years as an extensive manufacturer of cigar boxes. His birth occurred in Davenport, Scott county, Iowa, on the 25th of November, 1873, his parents being Henry and Fredericka (Wickboldt) Diehn, who were born, reared and married in Germany. The father was born June 7, 1837, and spent the first thirty years of his life in his native land. In 1867 he emigrated to the United States and located in Davenport, Iowa, where he is still actively engaged in business as a manufacturer of cigar boxes. His wife passed away in the year 1897. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Christian C., a native of Germany, who is now a resident of Davenport, this state; Marie, born in Germany, who gave her hand in marriage to H. C. Goettsch of Manning, Iowa; Henry, living in Davenport; August, of this review; Herman, a resident of Davenport; and a daughter who is deceased.

August Diehn acquired his education in the public schools of Davenport and subsequently pursued a commercial course in Duncan's Davenport Business College. He afterward became connected with mercantile interests as clerk in a grocery store and later embarked in business as a grocery merchant on his own account. Prior to this time, however, and before taking a business course, he had spent eight years in his father's cigar box factory, learning the business in principle and detail. In 1900 he came to Ottumwa and purchased the interests of Mr. Krabbenhoeft, a cigar box manufacturer, whose location he has occupied continuously to the present time except that the building has been remodeled. Mr. Diehn employs on an average ten men and has a running capacity of about one thousand cigar boxes daily. In addition to his interests in this connection he serves as president of the L. T. Crisman Company and director of the Ottumwa Supply & Construction Company. He enjoys

an enviable reputation as a business man of ability and undoubted integrity and has won a well merited measure of prosperity in his undertakings.

Mr. Diehn was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Amelia Scharfenberg, a native of Germany and a daughter of Peter Scharfenberg. They have three children, namely: Verona Dorothy, Bernhardt Henry and August, Jr. The family residence is at No. 180 North Ward street. Mr. Diehn gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is identified fraternally with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. Wherever known he is held in high esteem and enjoys the friendship and regard of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact. His success has been gained through his own industry and good business ability, for he has always capably managed his affairs, and is today one of the well-to-do citizens of his adopted county.

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### CHARLES W. SHEPHERD.

Charles W. Shepherd carries on general farming on section 25, Richland township, and the excellent appearance of his place indicates his practical and progressive methods. He is the owner of one hundred and fifty-two acres of rich and productive land, from which he annually gathers good harvests.

Mr. Shepherd was born in Steubenville, Ohio, September 1, 1864, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Watt) Shepherd, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was born May 14, 1826, and the mother on the 21st of February, 1828. In the year 1865 they removed with their family to Wapello county, settling in Center township north of Ottumwa, where their son George W. Shepherd now resides. The father made farming his life work and was the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of land in the home place and more than two hundred acres on the south side of the river. He also engaged in raising and feeding stock. He served as captain of the Home Guards while in Ohio and aided in the capture of Morgan, who was then on his raid in that state. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, which he supported in stalwart manner to the time of his death, which occurred October 14, 1890. He



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held membership with the Presbyterian church, to which Mrs. Shepherd still belongs, and she now makes her home with her children. They had a large family, numbering ten: Jane, the deceased wife of William Baker; Lucinda, who became the wife of Hamilton Wilson and passed away; Mary Emma, the wife of Thomas Cody of Nebraska; Ann Eliza, who married James Law and is deceased; Martha, the wife of W. H. Bennett of this township; John, living in Ottumwa; Charles W.; Margaret, the deceased wife of Frank Mast; Nettie, the wife of Roy Smith of Ottumwa; and George W., who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

Charles W. Shepherd was reared under the parental roof, remaining at home to the time of his marriage. His attention was divided between the duties of the schoolroom and the work of the fields. He has never sought to change his occupation, feeling, as George Washington expressed it more than a century ago, that "agriculture is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man." He purchased his present farm about 1908. For a period of ten years he lived in Ottumwa, during which he supervised two farms, but since that time he has lived at his present place of residence on section 25, Richland township, where he owns one hundred and fifty-two acres of rich and productive land. He has a fine home, in the rear of which are good barns and outbuildings, and these in turn are surrounded by well kept fields. All of the characteristics of the model farm of the twentieth century are found upon his place, and he carries on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising.

On the 22d of February, 1894, Mr. Shepherd was married to Miss Ollie Kelsey, who was born in Wapello county, Iowa, November 13, 1866, a daughter of F. M. and E. J. (Brown) Kelsey, both of whom were natives of Indiana, whence they came to Iowa in 1865, settling first in Davis county. Soon afterward, however, they came to this county, and Mr. Kelsey passed away in 1907, at the age of sixty-five years, while his wife now makes her home in Ottumwa. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd have one child, Raymond.

In his political views Mr. Shepherd is an earnest republican, stanchly advocating the principles of the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He and his wife have traveled extensively, spending a winter in California and another in New Mexico, and they have also visited his father's old birth-place in Ohio, near Steubenville, where they attended a family

reunion of the Shepherds in August, 1912. They believe in enjoying life and wisely make recreation a balance to work. They possess many good traits of character and occupy an enviable position in the regard of their friends.

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### JACOB C. MIER.

A fact to which due recognition is not always given is that a large percentage of the people of this section of the state have had their nativity in or trace their ancestry to Germany. To this class belongs Jacob C. Mier, who was born in Buffalo, New York, September 14, 1861, but is of German descent, his parents, Michael and Margaret (Wagner) Mier, having been natives of Luxemburg. They were reared and married in their native land and had one daughter when they became residents of Buffalo, New York, while three more children were added to the family in that city. In 1866 they removed westward to Wapello county, Iowa, settling upon a farm in Center township, where their remaining days were passed. The father's death occurred July 29, 1888, when he was sixty-four years of age, and his wife died in 1884, at the age of fifty-five years. Their family numbered the following children: Mrs. Mary Stochner, now deceased; John, living in Center township; Jacob C.; Maggie, who has also passed away; Mrs. Caroline Strong, deceased; Kate, who has also departed this life; George, of Center township; Michael, who died in infancy; and Mathew, of Ottumwa.

From the age of five years Jacob C. Mier has been a resident of Wapello county and when starting out in life on his own account he secured a position in a brick yard, where he spent seventeen years, acting as head burner during the greater part of that time. He then turned his attention to farming and is now the owner of eighty-eight and a half acres of land, on which he not only cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate but also engages in raising stock. In fact, stock-raising is the principal feature of his business and brings to him a substantial return.

In 1886 Mr. Mier was united in marriage to Miss Annie Mott, who was born in Center township in 1866, a daughter of Philip Mott. Five children have been born of this marriage:

Maggie; William; Ida, the wife of P. Taylor of Ottumwa; Ada, who is a twin sister of Ida and is the wife of Murray Hiss of Omaha, they having twin sons, Morrill and Morris; and Melvin. The family attend St. Patrick's Catholic church and Mr. Mier gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. His long residence in the county has made him widely known. He has witnessed many of the events which have shaped the history of this section of the state and has at different times been connected with its industrial and agricultural interests in a manner that has contributed to material progress as well as to individual success.

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### GEORGE W. KOONTZ.

George W. Koontz, a prosperous agriculturist of Highland township, Wapello county, was born in Keokuk county, this state, September 26, 1863, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Grimes) Koontz, natives of North Carolina, who came to Iowa in 1845, settling here when primitive conditions of pioneer life were yet existing throughout nearly the whole state. The father located on a farm, where he built a log cabin, and in that structure he lived for a number of years. Both parents died in Hedrick. In their family were ten children, of whom seven are now living.

George W. Koontz was reared on the homestead, acquiring his education in the schools of the neighborhood and early acquainting himself with thorough agricultural methods. After completing his studies he continued on the home farm until twenty-one years of age and then rented land, being engaged in its cultivation until 1893. Having acquired the necessary means he bought a store in Hedrick, which he conducted for two years, at the end of which time he purchased a farm in Franklin county, upon which he lived until 1901, in which year he disposed of his interests there and bought a farm in Mahaska county which he cultivated and improved for seven years. At the end of that period he bought the one hundred and twenty-five acre farm in Highland township upon which he now lives. Since having become owner of this property he has made a number of improvements and has increased the yield of his acres to a remarkable extent, always following the most modern



ideas along agricultural lines. He has installed improved machinery and his buildings are kept in good repair, bespeaking by their appearance the careful management which Mr. Koontz exercises over his affairs.

In 1884 Mr. Koontz married Miss Wilda M. Sheets, who was born in Keokuk county and is a daughter of Newt and Mary (Abrahams) Sheets, natives of Ohio, who in the early days came to the widdle west and settled in this state. Mr. Sheets died in 1895, being survived by his widow. In their family were five children, all of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Koontz are the parents of four children: Walter F., who is a graduate of the high school and who is engaged in teaching; Delpha A., the wife of William Robertson of Wapello county; Alma G., a student in the high school; and Mary H.

Mr. Koontz and his family attend the Baptist church, to which they give generous support. He is a democrat, in full sympathy with the aims and principles of that party, and has served in all of the township offices, being at present in his second term as trustee of Highland township. Mr. Koontz has contributed toward raising agricultural standards in his county and, moreover, is always interested in promoting public enterprises which promise to be of advantage to the community. While he has attained to prosperity he has not neglected his duties as a citizen and has been ever ready to contribute his share to all worthy causes.

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### GEORGE RAYMOND GIBSON.

George Raymond Gibson, a well known and enterprising young business man of Ottumwa, has for the past three years held the position of manager in the wholesale fruit house of the Lagomarcino-Grupe Company. His birth occurred in York, Nebraska, on the 1st of November, 1884, his parents being Lewis and Flora (Dietch) Gibson, the former born near Ottawa, Illinois, in 1857 and the latter in Warren county, Illinois, in 1864. Lewis Gibson, an agriculturist by occupation, came to Wapello county, Iowa, in 1885 and made his home in Ottumwa until 1894, when he took up his abode on a farm in Center township, where he has since resided, being widely recognized as one

of the substantial and esteemed citizens of the community. He is the father of three children, as follows: George Raymond, of this review; Mabel, the wife of John Howard of Ottumwa; and Lois, at home.

The paternal grandfather of our subject is a surviving veteran of the Mexican war. Captain John Gibson, the great-grandfather, was a soldier in the War of 1812, while his eldest son, Robert, was killed at the Alamo, San Antonio, Texas, in 1838. His four other sons fought in the Mexican war, serving in the First and Second Illinois Volunteers, and two served as officers in the Civil war, William Gibson holding the rank of colonel of the Fourth Illinois Infantry and Theodore that of major of the Sixty-fourth Illinois Infantry. George Gibson, a brother of Captain John Gibson, was a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition and subsequently settled in St. Louis, where he passed away. The great-great-grandfather of George Raymond Gibson in the maternal line was Robert Yates a Scotch army officer, who participated in the Revolutionary war as an officer in a Pennsylvania regiment. The grandfather still lives near Ottawa, Illinois, on a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, one hundred and sixty acres having been granted him by the government at the close of the Mexican war. He also obtained another quarter section of land from a Mexican war soldier who sold out. He is now ninety years of age and still resides on the place where his father died and was buried.

George Raymond Gibson acquired his education in the public schools of Ottumwa and after putting aside his text-books was connected with railroad work as a telegrapher from 1902 until 1910. In the latter year he became identified with the Lagomarcino-Grupe Company as a salesman and for the past three years has acted as manager of the Ottumwa branch, where twenty-one men are employed. This is a wholesale house exclusively, handling both fruit and vegetables and also manufacturing ice cream. In his present important position Mr. Gibson is contributing in no uncertain degree to the continued growth and success of the business and has gained enviable recognition as a progressive young man of sound judgment, ability and enterprise.

On the 20th of June, 1906, Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Minta McIntire, a native of Davis county, Iowa, and a daughter of J. M. and Ruth (Anderson) McIntire, who are now living in Ottumwa. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have four

children, namely: George Hamilton, Lois Ruth, Esther Fern and Robert Theodore.

In politics Mr. Gibson is a progressive republican, while his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is widely and favorably known in the community where practically his entire life has been spent, for a genial and kindly disposition has won him many friends, and he has the regard and esteem of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

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### FRANK GEPHART.

Frank Gephart is the owner of an excellent tract of land on section 1, Center township. It was upon this farm that he was born, but the place bears little resemblance to the old homestead of fifty or more years ago. It was in a two-room log cabin, fifteen by twenty feet, that he first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 9th of April, 1860. That primitive home remained the dwelling of the family for about seven years thereafter, when the father erected the present brick residence, which was considered one of the best homes in the county at that time. His parents were David and Sophia E. (Blake) Gephart. The father was born in West Virginia, about nine miles from Harpers Ferry, August 27, 1820, and the mother was born near Minden, Germany, March 4, 1833. She was about four years of age when her parents crossed the Atlantic. They located first in Hamilton county, Ohio, and three years later settled in Indianapolis, Indiana. They removed to Ottumwa, February 18, 1845, being among the first residents of this city. Mrs. Gephart passed away near Ottumwa on the home place, August 31, 1871.

David Gephart was a lad of nine years when he went to Circleville, Ohio, with his widowed mother, who had a family of ten children. At the time of the Mexican war Mr. Gephart enlisted at Cincinnati for service at the front and was with the army for a year. About 1849 he came to Ottumwa, where his remaining days were passed. He resided in the city until the spring of 1857 and then took up his abode upon what has since been known as the old homestead, his death here occurring June 21, 1901. He owned one hundred and eighty-five acres, which







FRANK GEPIHART AND FAMILY.



DAVID GEPHART



MRS. MARY DEMSTER



THE OLD GEPHART HOME



he devoted to general farming and stock-raising, and he was also a carpenter and contractor, in which connection he formed a partnership with N. C. Hill under the firm name of Hill & Gephart, which relation continued until 1857. They were leading builders of Ottumwa of their day and ranked high among the business men of that period. Mr. Gephart also took an active interest in affairs relating to the welfare and upbuilding of his community and was especially helpful to the public schools, serving as director for many years. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party, and during the greater part of his life he belonged to the Masonic fraternity, being one of the first representatives of the craft in Ottumwa and at all times one of the exemplary members. To him and his wife were born nine children: Agnes, who became the wife of Joseph Kitchen and died in 1891; Mary, who is the widow of W. H. Carpenter and resides in Greeley, Colorado; Arthur, a resident of Spokane, Washington; Charles, who died October 13, 1877; Frank; Walter, who is living in Inglewood, California; Anna, the wife of F. E. Baldwin, of Kansas City, Missouri; Worth, who died in infancy; and Xelis, of Los Angeles, California.

Frank Gephart has spent his entire life upon the old homestead farm on section 1, Center township, which he now owns. He has one hundred and eighty-five acres of fertile land and has always carried on general agricultural pursuits, bringing his fields to a high state of cultivation. His methods are both practical and progressive and result in the production of excellent crops.

On the 23d of December, 1903, Mr. Gephart was united in marriage with Miss Alma Demster, who was born in Center township, September 26, 1864, a daughter of John and Mary (Alexander) Demster, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Jefferson county, Iowa, born January 15, 1844. Mrs. Demster was brought to Wapello county in the same year by her parents, who located on a farm in Center township and there spent their remaining days. Her father, John Alexander, was a native of eastern Tennessee and arrived in Iowa in 1843. The following year he came to Wapello county and settled on a claim just north of Ottumwa. In their family were five children: Mary Elizabeth, who married John Demster, and long surviving her husband, resided with her daughter Mrs. Gephart until the final summons came May 9, 1914, her demise being sincerely mourned; Mrs. Julia H. Christie, deceased; Mrs. Laura Jolliffe,



of California; Rinnie, twin sister of Laura and now deceased; and Alice, who has also passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Gephart have but one child, a daughter, Margaret.

In his political views Mr. Gephart is a democrat and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He served as township trustee for three years, as assessor four years and has been secretary of the school board for twenty-eight years. He is a Master Mason, and he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at Salem, of which he is a trustee. Sterling principles have guided him in all of his life's relations and in this county, where he has always lived, he has a circle of friends that is very extensive.

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### FREDERICK MESSER.

Frederick Messer is one of the prosperous agriculturists of Highland township, where he owns a well improved farm of two hundred and thirty-nine acres, his buildings being in the best state of preservation and all of his land being properly tiled. He was born in Germany and combines German thoroughness and patience with American determination and aggressiveness. His date of birth was October 9, 1853, and he is a son of George and Magdalene (Snyder) Messer, natives of Germany who emigrated to America in 1855 and settled upon a farm in Jefferson county, Iowa. Both died there, the father February 26, 1886, and the mother October 3, 1880. They were numbered among the most substantial residents of their neighborhood. To them were born seven children: Adam, of Jefferson county, Iowa; Lewis, of Fairfield, Iowa; Philip, deceased; Charles, deceased; Louisa, the wife of William C. Hawk of Fairfield, Iowa; Lottie, who married Tony Lowenberg; and Frederick, of this review.

Frederick Messer was reared under the parental roof and received a common-school education. He remained at home until one year after his marriage, when he moved to Keokuk county, where he stayed a similar period and then bought the farm upon which he now lives, which consists of two hundred and thirty-nine acres of fertile land. He has erected practically all of the buildings and made other improvements. His land is in a high state of cultivation, properly drained and tiled, and

annually yields him rich harvests. He is up-to-date in his methods and has installed modern machinery, largely facilitating the work of the fields. He has succeeded because he is progressive and ever ready to embrace the most effective methods in order to assure himself of the largest possible returns.

In 1879 Mr. Messer was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lowenberg, a native of Keokuk county and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hepp) Lowenberg, natives of Germany, who left the fatherland in 1850 and upon their arrival in America, located in Keokuk county. Both died there, the father being widely known as a successful agriculturist. They had ten children, of whom nine are living. Mr. and Mrs. Messer have five children: Clara, who married George Hankammer of Des Moines; William, of Corvallis, Oregon; Raleigh, a graduate of a business college; Edna F., a graduate of Parsons College, who married James Van Deventer; and Harry, also a graduate of Parsons College, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Messer and family are members of the Presbyterian church, to which faith they are deeply devoted, Mr. Messer of this review being one of the elders. For many years he has supported the democratic party, being thoroughly in sympathy with the principles of that organization. He now serves as one of the trustees of Highland township and has also done valuable service on the school board for a quarter of a century. There is much credit due him for what he has achieved in life and all who know him honor him. He has made good use of opportunities as they have presented themselves and while attaining to success has always followed the strictly honorable path.

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### HENRY C. HOLLINGSWORTH.

The attractiveness of Wapello county as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders and have found her opportunities equal to those to be secured elsewhere. While Henry C. Hollingsworth has not at all times throughout his life been a resident of this county, he has never left Iowa and now makes his home in Ottumwa. His life has been devoted to educational interests and activities. His birth occurred in Green township, Wapello county, June 13, 1852. His father, James W. Hollingsworth,

was born near Winchester, Frederick county, Virginia, July 31, 1812, and came of English ancestry. It is believed the first representatives of the family in the new world came with William Penn and settled in Pennsylvania. There has been prepared a genealogical record of the Hollingsworth family in America covering the years between 1682 and 1884.

James W. Hollingsworth spent his boyhood and youth in Virginia and there acquired his education. In 1836 he removed to Ohio and it was in that state in 1839 that he was married to Miss Nancy Maholm, who was born near Dayton, Ohio, in 1820. The young couple took up their abode in her native state and Mr. Hollingsworth there followed milling for several years. In the autumn of 1844 they came to Iowa, settling first at Rome, Henry county, but in the spring of 1845 they came to Wapello county, where they took up their abode upon a tract of land in Green township, which he entered from the government. With characteristic energy he began its development and in course of time broke the sod and converted the land into rich and productive fields. In addition to general farming he also carried on the milling business in this county, having charge of a mill at Agency for a time and also one on Skunk river. Both he and his wife continued to reside on the old homestead until called to their final rest, her death occurring April 15, 1893, and his on the 10th of December, 1895. He was a republican in politics and held some of the township offices in an early day. He read extensively and was well informed on current events and on political and religious questions. In all of his dealings he was just, upright and honorable. He was not demonstrative in his sympathy, but he loved his family with a deep and abiding affection. For fifty-four years he and his wife traveled life's journey together, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years went on. They had a family of five children: Sarah Elizabeth, who was born in Ohio and became the wife of Michael Baum but is now deceased; Thomas Wilson, who was born in Ohio and now lives in Ottumwa; Frances A., of Ottumwa, who is the widow of David L. Gephart; Henry C.; and James P., who is now living upon a part of the old homestead in Green township which was entered by his father from the government in 1845.

Henry C. Hollingsworth resided upon the home farm with his parents until twenty years of age. He had a common-school education and began teaching in the home district in 1872, since

which time his life has been largely devoted to educational activities. He taught in several districts of Wapello county and afterward attended Mrs. Peck's Normal School in Ottumwa and also the Ottumwa Business College. In the fall of 1875 he entered the Iowa Wesleyan College, in which he pursued a four years' course and was graduated in 1879, receiving the Master of Science degree. He studied law with D. H. Emery of Ottumwa and was admitted to the bar in Judge Burton's court in 1882. He then practiced about a year, but afterward returned to educational fields as superintendent of the city schools of Centerville. He was superintendent and principal of the schools at Morning Sun for two years, at Knoxville for one year, superintendent of the city schools at Centerville for eight years, from 1883 until 1891, and in the latter year was elected superintendent of the schools of Albia, where he remained for fourteen years, making a total of twenty-five years devoted to his duties as principal or superintendent of city schools in addition to his work in the rural schools. Mr. Hollingsworth has been an enthusiastic worker in teachers' institutes and has acted as conductor or instructor in many summer sessions in southern Iowa. Since leaving Albia in 1905 he has been connected more or less with the state educational department in Des Moines working with the state board of examiners. He makes his home at 431 Hamilton street, Ottumwa.

On the 13th of June, 1883, Mr. Hollingsworth was married to Miss Maggie E. McGuigan, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa. To them were born three children: Ralph G., who is with the Harper-McIntire Hardware Company of Ottumwa; and Robert Leigh and Henry Donal, who were drowned in Village creek in June, 1905. Prior to this their mother was killed on Thanksgiving day of 1904 in a runaway accident in Albia, on which occasion Mr. Hollingsworth had both arms broken and was also badly bruised about the head and face, but in time recovered from his injuries. In 1908 he married Miss Sophronia Burkett, of Joliet, Illinois, who was formerly a primary teacher in the Centerville schools, and after their marriage they came to reside in Ottumwa. In June, 1910, Mrs. Hollingsworth was called to Lincoln, Nebraska, on account of the serious illness of her brother and soon after her arrival there was stricken with paralysis. She partially recovered, but on the 20th of December, 1913, sustained a second stroke and passed away three days later.



Mr. Hollingsworth for many years has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has long been an ardent supporter of the republican party. His life work has been one of benefit and value to his fellowmen in that he has aided in upholding the standards of education and advancing the interest of the school system of Iowa. He was president of the South-eastern Iowa Teachers' Association at one time and was a member of the board of trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan College for three years. While at Albia and Centerville twenty-two classes were graduated from the high school. Many of these young people have since filled exceptionally fine positions in the business world. His training was ever thorough, qualifying his pupils for later responsibilities. Mr. Hollingsworth's influence for the higher values of life has been felt by a large number of pupils and teachers, and his name is inscribed high upon the roll of Iowa's able educators.

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### THOMAS J. HALL.

Industrial activity in Ottumwa finds a worthy representative in Thomas J. Hall, a well known contractor and builder, who since the spring of 1866 has resided continuously in this city. His acquaintance is naturally wide because of his long residence here, and his business prominence and the many sterling traits of his character have gained for him a creditable and enviable position in the regard of his fellow townsmen. He was born on the 3d of October, 1839, in Machias, Maine, a son of Thomas and Mary (Kinney) Hall. The father was a native of Norfolk, England, and the mother of Machias, Maine. Her father, Captain Kinney, was lost at sea. He came of a family of seafaring men, and Thomas Hall was also a seafaring man, who acted as pilot on coasting vessels. Before coming to the new world Thomas Hall served for eleven years and nine months in the English army. He was engaged in military duty at the time of the battle of Waterloo, but did not participate in that conflict. In 1822 he deserted and came to the United States. He was married in Maine and in 1847 the family removed to Hempstead, Long Island. The following year they became residents of Sing Sing, New York, where they resided until 1857, when they went to Toledo, Ohio, where their remaining days were



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passed. The father's death there occurred in 1872, and the mother died a few years later. In their family were six children: Mrs. Rebecca Sager, now of Toledo; Thomas J.; James, who served in the Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry from 1861 until 1866, having veteranized, and who for twenty-eight years was a policeman of Toledo, where his death occurred in 1902; Mrs. Lydia Sheldon, deceased; William, a resident of Olympia, Washington, and Charley, who died in 1909.

Thomas J. Hall accompanied his parents on their various removals, but started out in the business world on his own account, while in Sing Sing, where he secured employment in a file factory, continuing in that position for four years. When the family went to Toledo he became a sailor on the lakes and, working his way upward in that connection, he reached the position of second mate on a grain vessel. Following the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Hall responded to the country's call for troops and enlisted on the 23d of August, 1862, as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for two years and ten months, returning home July 14, 1865, with a most creditable military record. He took part in forty-one battles and he had charge of the brigade pioneers. His duty was often of a most arduous character, but he never faltered, whether on the firing line or on the lonely picket line.

In the spring of 1866 Mr. Hall came to Ottumwa, where he has since resided, and throughout the entire period he has conducted business as a contractor and builder. Being an excellent workman and a thoroughly reliable business man, important contracts have been awarded him and at different times he has employed a large force. He erected the Ennis building, the Fraser Hotel and many other of the best buildings of the city. For three years Mr. Hall was a partner in the Ottumwa Screen Factory. He was also assistant superintendent and had charge of the building of the Coal Palace, doing all of the interior work in that structure. He has ever displayed notable skill and ability, and his own thorough and practical knowledge of the work has enabled him to carefully direct the labors of others.

On the 23d of August, 1859, Mr. Hall was united in marriage at Toledo, Ohio, to Miss Mary A. Blair, who was born in Monroe county, Michigan, September 19, 1841, a daughter of Joseph and Olive (Lane) Blair, the former a native of Quebec, Canada, and the latter of Erie, Pennsylvania. Following their



removal to the west they made their home in Monroe county, Michigan, until their life's labors were ended. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hall was born a son, George Wesley, whose death, which occurred on the 17th of March, 1863, when he was but two years and seven months old, was perhaps the greatest sorrow that ever came to them. They adopted a daughter, Emma C., who is now the wife of Robert Shannahan of Ottumwa.

Mr. Hall filled the office of city marshal in 1874. He is independent in politics, voting as his judgment dictates, without regard to party ties. He proudly wears the little bronze button that indicates him a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, his name being on the roll of Cloutman Post, No. 69, and he has been commander of the post for three years. He was the representative of the sixth district of the Grand Army of the Republic at San Francisco in 1903 and at Chattanooga in 1913. He has practically been a lifelong member of the Church of Christ, and for forty years has been one of the elders. Its teachings have been the guiding spirit in his life and have made him a man honorable and honored. He has now passed the seventy-fourth milestone on life's journey, and he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear. For almost a half century he has lived in Ottumwa and is one of its best known citizens. He has watched its growth and development through all these years and has aided largely in many measures that have been of direct benefit to the city.

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### L. S. SHEPARD.

An excellent farm of three hundred and forty acres in Pleasant township is the property of L. S. Shepard. It is adorned with beautiful shade and fruit trees, all of his own planting, and there are many substantial modern improvements upon the farm which have been placed there through the efforts of Mr. Shepard, who is justly accounted one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of his community. He was born in Portland, Connecticut, February 4, 1842, and is a son of Edward and Sarah (Stocken) Shepard, who were also natives of Connecticut, while the maternal grandfather was born in Scotland and

became the founder of the family in America. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shepard passed away in the state of their nativity.

L. S. Shepard was one of a family of three children, he and a brother surviving. His youthful days chronicled no event of special importance affecting his own life beyond the fact that he had good home training and profited by the educational advantages offered in the public schools. In 1865, when a young man of twenty-three years, he made his way westward, settling first in Madison county, Illinois. In the meantime, however, he had responded to his country's call for aid, enlisting in 1863 as a member of Company B, Twenty-second Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for one year, participating in a number of skirmishes, after which he was mustered out at Hartford, Connecticut. He then returned to his home in that state, remaining for a short time before going to the middle west. For two years he continued his residence in Illinois and during that period was united in marriage to Mrs. Harriet A. Payne, who was born in that state. At the end of two years spent in Illinois Mr. Shepard and his young wife came to Iowa, settling in Wapello county, where he purchased the tract of land upon which he now resides. It was then raw prairie, scarcely a furrow having been turned thereon, while no improvements of any importance had been made. With characteristic energy he began its development, broke the sod, tilled and cultivated the fields, and in the course of time gathered abundant harvests. He planted all of the trees upon the farm and there are now fine shade and ornamental trees around his home and good fruit trees which bear well in season. Within the boundaries of his place are comprised three hundred and forty acres of rich Iowa prairie land and by the judicious rotation of crops and other methods of keeping the soil in good condition he is able to gather good harvests year after year.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepard became the parents of three children: Anna, at home; Ella, the wife of J. F. Parker of Des Moines; and Edda, now Mrs. Lee Parker. There were also five step-children: Emma Payne; Henry; G. W.; James A.; and Belle, the wife of W. W. Sternes. Mrs. Shepard passed away on the 16th of March, 1900, and was laid to rest in the Batavia cemetery, leaving a husband and eight children to mourn her loss. She had many good traits of heart and mind, and her kindly spirit and good deeds established her firmly in the affections of many friends. In his political views Mr. Shepard has been a stalwart

republican since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He served as township trustee and for a number of years has been a member of the school board, always giving his support to those movements which tend to promote the interests of education. He may well be called a self-made man, for starting out in life empty-handed, he has become the possessor of a handsome fortune that now enables him to live practically retired. One of the secrets of his success is the fact that his life has ever been honorable and straightforward. He has never dissipated his energies in any kind of excesses but has concentrated his efforts upon his duties as a man and citizen. He and his family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as a trustee, and in the work of the church he has long been deeply and helpfully interested.

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#### A. F. HARTER.

A. F. Harter is engaged in farming, dairying and stock-raising in Richland township, where he owns a valuable property comprising one hundred and sixty-one acres of land. He was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, November 30, 1849, and is a son of James and Mary (Abrams) Harter, natives of Ohio, who came to Iowa about 1846, becoming pioneer settlers of Jefferson county. In 1849 they moved to Mahaska county, where the father entered land, the parents continuing upon this farm until their death. To their union were born eight children, of whom five have passed away. The others are: Angeline, the wife of M. McCune; A. F., of this review; and Oliver, also of this state.

A. F. Harter was reared upon the parental farm, attending a little log school in the neighborhood and early acquainting himself with thorough agricultural methods. He assisted his father until twenty-one years of age, when he rented land in Mahaska county which he cultivated to such good purpose that after four years he was enabled to acquire a farm in that county. There he prospered for about twenty years but then sold out and acquired a farm in Wapello county, where he now lives. His property comprises one hundred and sixty-one acres of fertile land in Richland township. Not only is he following general farming, but he also gives much attention to stock-raising



A. F. HARTER AND FAMILY.





and operates a dairy. He is modern and up-to-date in his methods and ever ready to embrace new ideas in order to increase the production from his lands. Not only has he attained to individual prosperity, but he has set a standard in his section of the county.

On February 6, 1873, Mr. Harter married Miss Elizabeth Cassel, a native of Mahaska county and a daughter of Jack and Mary (House) Cassel, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Harter became the parents of eight children. Charles is the oldest. Jesse follows mercantile pursuits in Foster, Iowa. He married Edith Stansbury and they have two children, Carl and Oleda. Lillian is the wife of George Reeves, of Ottumwa. Roy is engaged in farming in Richland township. He married Ethel Spurgeon and they have two children, Kenneth and Len. Cleve resides on the home farm. He married Gussie Beckwith, by whom he has two children, Dorothy and Max. Frances is the wife of David Cobbler of Highland township, and they have three children, Gretna, Donald and Helen. John is with the Reeves Automobile Company of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Bertha, the youngest of the family, is at home. Mrs. Harter died August 8, 1896, her demise causing sincere sorrow to her many friends, all of whom esteemed her for her womanly qualities of character. She was laid to rest in the Kirkville cemetery, leaving to mourn her a sorrowing husband and eight children.

Mr. Harter is a democrat and is thoroughly in accord with the principles of that party. He has always deeply interested himself in educational matters and has served as a school director of his district for some time. He is a public-spirited and progressive man, ever ready to bear his share in promoting valuable public enterprises, and enjoys in a large measure the highest regard and esteem of all those who have the honor of his acquaintance.

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### OWEN S. HICKS.

Owen S. Hicks, a farmer and stock-raiser of Agency township, where he has made his home since 1911, was born in Marshall, Illinois, March 21, 1866, a son of Benjamin F. and Celia (Sowards) Hicks, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Woodford county, Illinois. They were married in

Illinois and unto them were born two children: Agnes J., now deceased; and Owen S. The father passed away many years ago and the mother afterward became the wife of John Wier on the 2d of December, 1874. For twenty-four years they traveled life's journey together, and on the anniversary of their marriage, the 2d of December, 1898, Mr. Wier passed away at their home in Illinois, since which time Owen S. Hicks has lived with his mother.

Reared in his native state, Owen S. Hicks acquired a public-school education. His experiences in youth were those which usually fall to the lot of the farm lad and his early training well qualified him for the duties and responsibilities that now devolve upon him. In 1911 he came to Iowa and purchased a farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres on sections 26 and 27, Agency township, Wapello county. He has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation in the production of the crops best adapted to soil and climate. He also makes stock-raising a feature of his business and his success in this connection is well merited, for he handles stock of good grades and cares for them according to modern methods.

Mr. Hicks is a supporter of republican principles, having voted for the men and measures of the party since attaining his majority. He holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Yeomen and in the Grange and he is continually studying out new methods to advance agricultural interests and enhance the value and productiveness of his farm. He and his mother are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are rearing a little girl, Vesta Winkler, who is now ten years of age.

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#### W. H. BENNETT.

Agricultural interests in Wapello county find a worthy representative in W. H. Bennett, who is living on section 20, Richland township. At different times other pursuits have occupied his time and attention, and he is to some extent now living retired, although he still owns and supervises his farm of sixty acres. He is a son of De Witt and Sarah (Nunemaker) Bennett, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Ohio. They were married in the Buckeye state and came to Iowa about

1848, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Wapello county. Something of the frontier condition of the district is indicated in the fact that Mr. Bennett was able to enter land from the government and secured a tract in Richland township just north of the farm upon which W. H. Bennett now resides. His place comprised one hundred and twenty acres, a part of which is still in possession of the family. He at once began the development of the place, upon which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made, and continued to cultivate his land until his death, which occurred in 1861. His wife long survived him, passing away in 1909 at the age of eighty-four years. In their family were nine children: Margaret, who married F. L. McNair, but both are now deceased; Catharine, who is the widow of J. M. McNair, a brother of F. L. McNair, and now makes her home in Montana; Jane, who became the wife of M. E. S. Rubel, but is now deceased; Charles P., living in Eddyville; Melissa, also a resident of Eddyville; W. H., of this review; Eliza, the wife of George W. Thompson of Ottumwa; Lucy, the deceased wife of J. S. Chandler; and George J., who is located on a part of the old homestead in Richland township.

W. H. Bennett has spent his entire life in Wapello county and for three years was a resident of Ottumwa. He started out to earn his own living when a youth of fourteen and took up the confectionery and bakery business, which he learned in Fairfield, Iowa. He followed that pursuit through the summer months for several years. He afterward became connected with coal mining, operating a local mine. He built two different homes in Ottumwa for himself and for three years worked for the Wapello Coal Company in conducting a store. His business activities have, on the whole, been crowned with success, and he is the owner of sixty acres of rich and productive land, situated on section 20, Richland township. He rents his land and is now living practically retired. He does not have very good health, so he takes life easy, his former industry and careful management having brought to him capital sufficient to enable him to do this. He has made judicious investments in other lines of business and is now the vice president of the Chillicothe Savings Bank, of which he has been a director since its organization and vice president almost as long.

In December, 1873, Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Brown, a native of this county and a daughter of



Thomas Brown of Kirkville. She died in 1877, leaving a daughter, Blanche, the wife of H. E. Pope of St. Louis, Missouri. In 1883 Mr. Bennett wedded Mattie E. Shepherd, who was born in Harrison county, Ohio, August 4, 1859, and came to Iowa with her parents, William and Elizabeth Shepherd. Her father is now deceased, but the mother resides with her children. In his political views Mr. Bennett has always been a republican since old enough to vote, and he has held a number of township offices, including that of trustee. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft, to the teachings of which he has ever been loyal.

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### THEOPHILUS REED.

Theophilus Reed is successfully engaged in the grocery business in Kirkville, having built up an establishment which reflects credit upon his business ability. He was born in Ohio, June 1, 1855, and is a son of John and Henrietta (Van Buskirk) Reed, natives of the Buckeye state, who in 1865 came to Wapello county and located on a farm in Columbia township, where they made their home until their deaths, the father passing away in 1900, and the mother in 1910. In their family were seven children: Osborn, of Los Angeles, California; Charles B., of Bird City, Kansas; Theophilus; Martha A., deceased; B. L., of Missouri; James M., of Richland township; and John F., of Ottumwa.

Theophilus Reed was reared on the parental farm and in the acquirement of his education attended the schools of the neighborhood. He remained at home, assisting his father until twenty-two years of age, when he accepted work in driving a dairy wagon, so continuing for one and a half years. He thence moved to Agency and for four years was there established in the grocery business, selling out at the end of that time. For the next two years he acted as bailiff and then was for two years employed in a clerical capacity in Kirkville. At the end of that time he joined the staff of the Hightman Coal Company, with whom he remained for four years, returning to Kirkville at the end of that time. He established himself in the grocery business in Kirkville and has since built up a profitable trade, showing busi-

ness ability and careful and judicious management. He follows fair methods and is always obliging to those who patronize his store.

In 1882 Mr. Reed married Miss Belle A. Owens, who was born in this state and was a daughter of John J. and Martha A. (Powell) Owens, the father born in Kentucky, and the mother in Virginia. Both came to this state at an early age and both passed away here. Mrs. Reed was one of a family of four children and became the mother of two children: Harry, who resides in Richland township; and Gladys, a graduate of the high school, residing with her father. Mrs. Reed, who was a devout member of the Christian church, died in 1911, finding her last resting place in the Kirkville cemetery.

Mr. Reed is a democrat and takes an active interest in his party's affairs. He is serving at the present time in the capacity of mayor of Kirkville and is doing everything in his power to further the progress of the town. He has also for fifteen years been a notary public. Fraternally he is a member of Camp 4186 of the Modern Woodmen of America and has served as clerk of the lodge since 1896. He owns two residences and his store building in Kirkville and also holds title to a residence in Ottumwa. He is respected as a business man and has many friends in his community, all of whom speak of him in highest terms of appreciation.

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### HARRY E. WARDER.

An excellent farm of two hundred and thirty-eight acres in Pleasant township is the property of Harry E. Warder and pays to him substantial tribute in good crops for the care and labor which he bestows upon the place. He was born in Pleasant township, December 11, 1881, and is a son of M. C. and Nancy (Carson) Warder, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Wapello county, Iowa. The father was but a year old when brought to this state by his parents, and since that time has lived continuously in Pleasant township, Wapello county, where he still owns and occupies an excellent farm.

Harry E. Warder was one of a family of eleven children, and his youthful days were spent in a manner similar to the others of the household, his educational training being received in the

district schools, while his father's instructions and practical experience made him acquainted with all of the departments of farm work. He has never sought to change his occupation, for he finds it profitable and congenial. He continued to assist his father until after he had attained his majority and then purchased the farm upon which he now resides, comprising two hundred and thirty-eight acres, all in Pleasant township, on sections 16 and 17. He has improved this property with fine buildings, and the farm presents a most attractive appearance owing to the neatness and thrift which pervade the place and the excellent crops which are annually gathered.

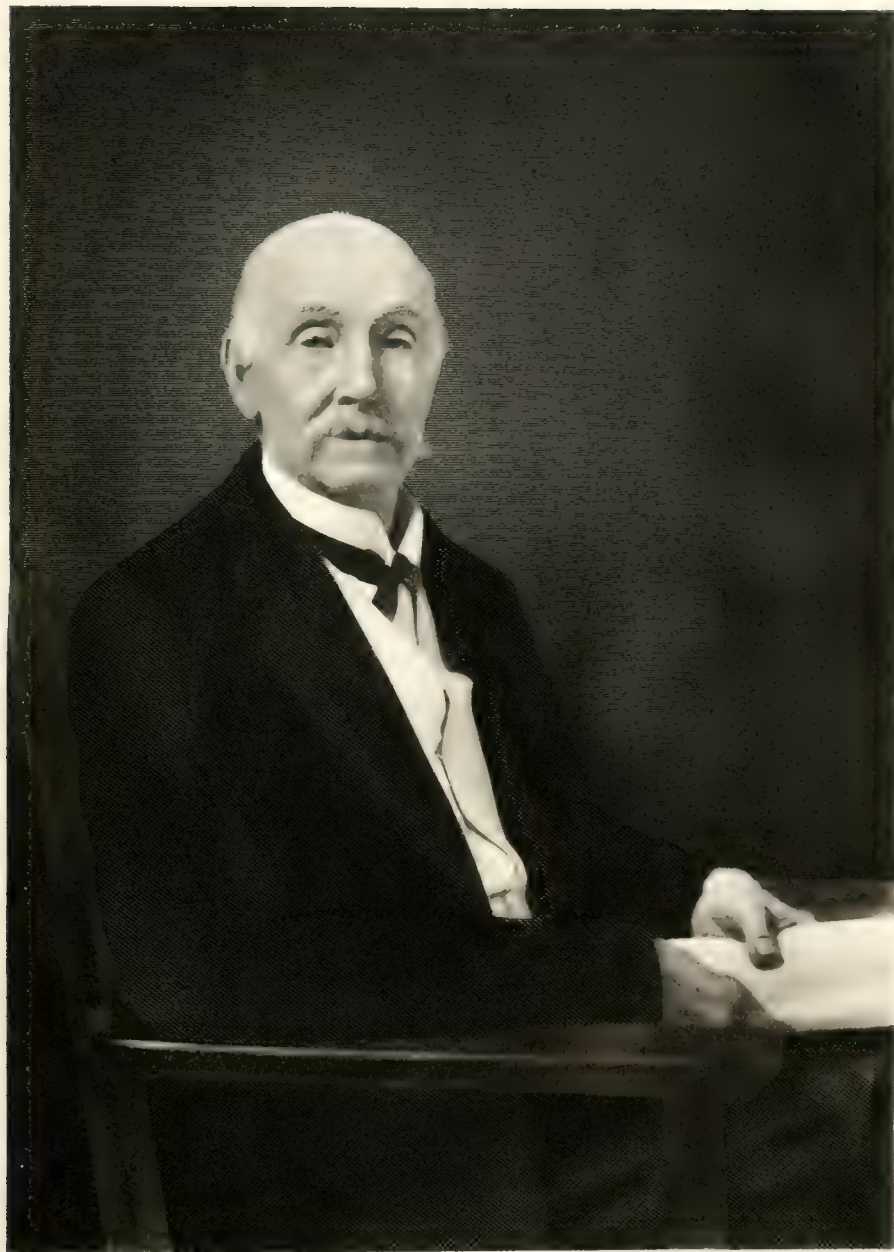
In his political views Mr. Warder is an earnest democrat and is now filling the office of township assessor, having acted in that capacity for four years, his duties being discharged with promptness and fidelity. He belongs to Olive Branch Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M., and to Farmers Lodge, No. 198, I. O. O. F., having filled all of the chairs in the latter organization. He is in hearty sympathy with the teachings of these two fraternities and in his life exemplifies their beneficent principles and high purposes.

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#### F. M. EPPERSON.

F. M. Epperson, cashier of the Manning & Epperson State Bank at Eddyville, figures prominently in business circles in Wapello county, and he is equally well known in public connections, having been called upon to fill various offices of honor and trust, the duties of which he has faithfully discharged. He was born in Pulaski county, Kentucky, November 14, 1841, a son of Anderson Epperson, whose birth occurred in eastern Tennessee in 1814 and who died in Pulaski county, Kentucky, in 1881. He made farming his life work and thus provided for his family, which numbered seven children, although F. M. Epperson is the only one now living. The mother bore the maiden name of Lockie Coomer and was a native of Virginia, but, as indicated, the family resided for a number of years in Pulaski county, Kentucky, where she passed away in 1853.

F. M. Epperson pursued his education in the public and select schools at Mill Springs, Kentucky. After his mother's death, which occurred when he was but twelve years of age, he made his home with friends. Later he took up farming in Ken-



*J. M. Epperson*





tucky, where he resided until February, 1861, when he came to Iowa, settling on a farm in Marion county. The following year, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations to respond to his country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company D, Thirty-sixth Iowa Infantry. He was in the army for three years and for ten months was held as a prisoner of war at Tyler, Texas. He participated in all of the engagements in which his regiment took part, including many hotly contested battles, and was mustered out August 24, 1865, some months after the actual close of hostilities, returning to his home with a most creditable military record of which he has every reason to be proud.

When F. M. Epperson put aside the nation's blue uniform for civilian's dress and resumed the duties of private life he came to Eddyville, where he engaged in clerking in a wholesale grocery house for two years. He then accepted a clerical position in a dry-goods establishment, in which he was employed for two years, and in 1871 he formed a partnership with Edwin Manning for the conduct of a general mercantile establishment. That relation was maintained until Mr. Manning's death. In 1902 the Manning & Epperson State Bank was organized and incorporated although since 1878 the firm had been engaged in the banking business in connection with their mercantile interests. Mr. Epperson has since been identified with the banking business, a period of thirty-six years, and at the present writing is cashier of the bank, which is one of the most substantial institutions of this part of the state. He is thoroughly acquainted with every branch of the banking business, and his enterprise and progressiveness, tempered with a safe conservatism, have been the salient features in his prosperity.

Not alone in business lines has Mr. Epperson figured prominently but also as a leader in public connections. He has been mayor of the city, a member of the city council and city treasurer, and in 1879 he was elected to represent his district in the general assembly, where he made such a creditable record that he was reelected in 1881. He was again chosen to that office in 1904, when he became a member of the thirty-first general assembly, and while in the house he took an active part in shaping important state legislation, seeking ever the welfare and upbuilding of the state and the advancement of the best interests of the commonwealth. For the past thirty-eight years he has been treasurer of the independent school district.

On the 8th of June, 1875, Mr. Epperson was united in marriage to Miss Louise O'Hara, who was born in Wisconsin, July 7, 1852, a daughter of Samuel and Louise (Mayhan) O'Hara, both of whom are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Epperson have been born three sons: Frank, who is now vice president of the bank; Elbert M., an engineer on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; and Arthur B., who is principal of the high school in Albia.

Mr. Epperson and his family attend the Congregational church, in which the parents hold membership. His political support has always been given to the republican party, and with firm belief in its principles he has never faltered in his allegiance thereto. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree, and has also crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He has been treasurer of the Workmen lodge and of the Masonic lodge and in fact has held all of the chairs in the local Masonic organization. His life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft, which is based upon mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. His salient traits of character are those which win commendation, and his good deeds have been many, while his worth is acknowledged by all with whom he comes in contact. To know Mr. Epperson is to esteem and honor him and he has a wide acquaintance in this county and throughout the state, where he has lived continuously for more than forty-eight years.

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### W. B. BONNIFIELD.

Time gives the perspective which places each event of history and each character that has figured in connection with public life in its true relation to the whole. As the years pass on and one does not have to look at a close range he sees the true relation of a fellowman to his hour. Judged in this way the fame of W. B. Bonnifield is even more pronounced. His life was the expression of high purposes and of noble principles. He neglected no duty whether of a public or private character, and at all times was faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation. He figured for a long period as one of the leading bankers of

Wapello county, organizing the First National Bank in 1863, and remaining its president until his death, which occurred August 9, 1908.

Mr. Bonnifield had passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey when called to the home beyond. A native of Virginia, he was born in Randolph county on the 23d of February, 1827, and was a little lad of ten years when the family home was established in Jefferson county, Iowa, the father securing a farm nine miles east of Fairfield. There both parents passed away in the spring of 1841, W. B. Bonnifield being then but fourteen years of age. He continued upon the home farm until he reached the age of twenty, and during that period he was a pupil in the district schools through the winter months. The little "temple of learning" was a log building with greased paper windows, slab seats and other primitive furnishings. The school session continued for about three months a year, and during the remainder of the time Mr. Bonnifield was busily engaged in the work of the fields. The limited school advantages which he received did not satisfy him, however, and, accompanied by his two younger brothers, he entered Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, studying there for a year and a half. The three brothers then matriculated in Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania, to which point travel was usually by boat on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Pittsburgh and thence by canal to the destination. In the year in which the brothers went to the east cholera was prevalent, and not wishing to become victims of the disease they tramped across the prairies of Illinois to Chicago, carrying their luggage with them and occasionally assisted by a passing farm wagon, a ride being offered them by the farmer or else allowed them for pay. The Michigan Southern extended eastward from Chicago, but travel by rail was more expensive than by water, and the three boys, now footsore and weary, took passage on a steamer for Erie, Pennsylvania, which was forty miles from their destination. They experienced seasickness, however, and at Cleveland left the boat, preferring to walk the remaining ninety miles to Meadville rather than shorten their tramp by continued lake passage to Erie. Two and one-half years were spent in college, at the end of which time their financial resources were exhausted, and finding it necessary to immediately begin earning his living, W. B. Bonnifield went to Kentucky, where he taught school for a term of five months, expecting as soon as he had money enough to resume his college



course. His work as a teacher was so satisfactory, however, that his wages were increased from time to time and he remained in Kentucky for nearly two years.

The country was still in the throes of excitement over the gold discoveries in California, and in 1853 Mr. Bonnifield with his four brothers started for the Pacific coast, traveling across the plains with ox teams. Mile after mile they crossed the hot sands or traveled over the mountain passes, at length reaching the western coast. W. B. Bonnifield was then engaged in mining and in stock-raising in northern California until 1860. He did not win wealth, but obtained a fair competence during that period, and on again proceeding to the middle west he settled at Ottumwa, Iowa, where in October, 1861, in partnership with his two brothers, he embarked in the private banking business under the firm style of Bonnifield Brothers. With the passage of the national banking law he organized the First National Bank of Ottumwa in October, 1863, securing charter No. 107, this being the first national bank organized west of the Mississippi. The new institution was capitalized at sixty thousand dollars, with George Gillaspay as president and W. B. Bonnifield as cashier. Ere a year had passed, however, the latter was promoted to the presidency, and so continued until his death, with the exception of two years. The bank weathered all the financial storms which at times threatened the business stability of the country, and growing steadily and surely increased the capital stock in 1891 to one hundred and twenty thousand dollars. Five hundred thousand dollars has been paid in dividends to the stockholders since the organization. Mr. Bonnifield watched every indication pointing to success, formed his plans readily and was determined in their execution.

Other business interests also profited by his co-operation and the soundness of his judgment. He was president and treasurer of the Iowa Central Coal Company at Oskaloosa for one year and for six years was treasurer of the St. Louis & Cedar Rapids Railroad Company, at the end of which time the road was merged into the Milwaukee System. He was active in organizing the Ottumwa Water Power Company, and for eight years directed its policy as its president. He extended his efforts into the financial field in 1898, when he became one of the organizers of the Union Trust & Savings Bank, capitalized for fifty thousand dollars. Its promoters were the same men who organized the First National. In 1870 the officials of the latter erected a bank

building which was destroyed by fire in 1880, and in 1881 they rebuilt at the corner of Main and Market streets. While he was still living a contemporary biographer wrote of him: "W. B. Bonnifield has been an important factor in the building up of Ottumwa; he has all the time been a banker, bringing to the business his native good sense as well as that financial education that comes to those who are accustomed to handling the money of others; he has never aspired to office, but steadily kept in view the interests of those who confided in him as a financier, and has so managed the affairs of his bank that at no time has it been in peril, or even threatened with peril. In the exercise of these functions he has had the accustomed experience of bankers, and yet with all of his conservatism there has never been a day or an hour that he has not been ready to aid all legitimate enterprises that have been calculated to advance the interests of Ottumwa, materially as well as morally. He has, at the risk of loss, been a fearless advocate of temperance, and in every way he has thrown his influence in favor of things that contribute to good rather than to evil. In all the public movements for charity the name of W. B. Bonnifield has been among the foremost in contributing to relieve the woes of others, whether at home or abroad."

On the 28th of July, 1862, Mr. Bonnifield was united in marriage to Miss Alcinda Innskeep, a native of Hillsboro, Ohio, and they became the parents of a son, William B., and two daughters: Mary, who is now the widow of Frank C. Hormel and makes her home in Boston, Massachusetts; and Lizzie, the wife of F. W. Simmons of Ottumwa.

The son was born June 30, 1874, and had for fifteen years been associated with the First National Bank at the time of his father's death. He then succeeded to the presidency and is still holding that position. He was educated in the common schools of Ottumwa, in the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, and in Princeton University. Immediately after leaving school he entered the bank and is now not only president of the First National, but also of the Union Trust & Savings Bank and vice president of the City Savings Bank. He has become connected with financial affairs elsewhere and is president of the Kirksville Savings Bank and president of the Hiteman Savings Bank. He is also vice president and a director of the American Mining Tool Company. He is likewise interested in farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of thoroughbred Shorthorn

cattle and Percheron horses. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. Fraternally he is connected with the Wapello Club and the Country Club.

On the 27th of December, 1899, William B. Bonnifield married Miss Lizette Near, who was born near Racine, Wisconsin, a daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Near, her father having died in her infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Bonnifield have become the parents of four children, Mary Alcinda, West Benson, Margaret and Edward Baker.

No history of Wapello county would be complete without extended reference to the Bonnifield family, because of the active and important part which father and son have taken in the business life of the community, and in support of its public welfare. W. B. Bonnifield, Sr., was indeed a worthy and honored pioneer resident of Ottumwa. His enterprise made him a leader and not a follower of men. He marked out paths which others have pursued, and his efforts were a most vital and far-reaching element in advancing the progress and upbuilding of the section in which he lived. No history of Wapello county would be complete without his record.

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### JUDSON E. MULLENIX.

More than a century ago George Washington said that agriculture is the most useful, as well as the most honorable, occupation of man, and the truth has been verified throughout all the ages which have since run their course. Iowa, through the enterprise and industry of its citizens, has become one of the leading agricultural states of the Union, standing foremost in the production of corn. Among those who contribute to its well-earned reputation in this respect is Judson E. Mullenix, who was born September 22, 1865, in Highland township, within the borders of which township he still makes his home, living on section 7.

His parents were Thomas and Lydia S. (Leggett) Mullenix, natives of Ohio. The father was born in Cincinnati, August 16, 1839, his parents being Thomas and Mary (Lynch) Mullenix, who were natives of Kentucky, in which state they were reared and married, removing thence to Cincinnati. In 1852 they came

to Wapello county, settling in Highland township, and soon afterward both passed away in Adams county. Thomas Mullenix, Sr., made farming his life work. In their family were seven children, including Thomas Mullenix, father of Judson E. Mullenix, who accompanied his parents to Iowa in 1852 and spent his remaining days upon a farm in Highland township. There were no spectacular phases in his life record and no exciting chapters, but in his history there is something of interest to all who care for those things which make for upright manhood and for good citizenship. He stood for that which is progressive in public affairs and sought ever the moral as well as the material benefit of the community. He passed away December 1, 1898, in the faith of the Baptist church, of which he had long been a member, serving as one of its deacons for many years. His political indorsement was given to the republican party. On the 25th of September, 1862, he married Lydia S. Leggett, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 3, 1841, and was brought to this county in 1853 by her parents, Sutton and Mary (Green) Leggett, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Brooke county, West Virginia, respectively. They spent their remaining days in Wapello county, Mrs. Leggett passing away February 22, 1884, at the age of seventy-four years, while the father died July 9, 1859, at the age of fifty-eight years. He made farming his life work and thus provided for the support of his family of nine children. Since her husband's death Mrs. Mullenix has remained in this county, and now makes her home with her son Charles in Highland township. By her marriage she became the mother of six children: George, a resident of Highland township; Judson E.; Elfa Belle, who died in childhood; Charles, living in Highland township; Ella, the wife of Elijah Russell of Mahaska county; and William R., of Highland township.

Under the parental roof Judson E. Mullenix was reared, and thorough training made him familiar with all departments of farm work. He has resided on his present place since four years of age and devotes his life unremittingly to the further development and improvement of this property, which comprises one hundred and seventy-one acres on section 7. In addition, he has eighty acres in Keokuk county. His farm work is carried on along practical, progressive lines and good results are achieved.

On the 22d of December, 1898, Mr. Mullenix was united in marriage to Miss Ada Moorhead of Creston, Iowa, and they now have three children, Wilbur, Edna and Otis.



Mr. Mullenix formerly belonged to the Anti-Horse Thief Association. His political indorsement has always been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and he has served as township trustee. He has been a director of the Highland Telephone Association since its organization and, in fact, he and Henry Robinson were the chief promoters of the enterprise, the value of which to the township cannot be overestimated. Mr. Mullenix belongs to the Highland Baptist church, and for about twenty-two years has been school treasurer of his district—all of which indicates his deep interest in the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community in which his entire life has been passed and where many substantial qualities and sterling traits of character have won him the high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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### N. O. JOHNSON.

It has been said that in America "labor is king;" at all events effort is not hampered by caste or class and the individual who is persistent and energetic and whose activities are intelligently directed may win success. At the outset of his career N. O. Johnson had no influential friends to aid him and was dependent entirely upon his own resources. He did not scorn honest labor and his industry has constituted the foundation upon which he has builded his prosperity.

He was born in Sweden, December 16, 1851, and in 1869 he came to the United States, then a young man of about eighteen years. He landed at New York on the 19th of May, but did not tarry in the eastern metropolis, making his way directly to Iowa. It was about the 1st of June that he reached Ottumwa and here he secured employment on the railroad. He was afterward in the employ of Thomas Foster, a farmer of Wapello county, for whom he worked for about ten years. His long service with one man indicates unmistakably his fidelity as well as his industry. In 1881 he returned to Sweden and was married, remaining for three months in his native land, after which he brought his bride to the new world. Once more he made his way to Wapello county and rented a farm in Washington township. He continued to cultivate leased land for six years, but during that period carefully saved his earnings until his in-



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dustry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a farm. He then bought two hundred acres of Jerry Lanning on section 30, Agency township, and afterward he added to this property. He now owns three hundred and ninety acres on sections 19, 30 and 31. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock and keeps on hand high grades of cattle. For a long period he remained the active head of the farm, but has now practically retired, while his sons are carrying on the work, operating the farm on shares.

On the 17th of March, 1881, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Annetta Siegerstrom and they became the parents of four children: Charles A.; Clara E., who is a graduate of the State Normal School and for several years has been successfully engaged in teaching; Wilbur S.; and Harry E., who is a high-school graduate. Mrs. Johnson and the children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Johnson votes the republican ticket and has served as township trustee. He is ever loyal to the land of his adoption and is much interested in the development and progress of his home locality. A self-made man, he had but a dollar and a half in his pocket when he first reached Ottumwa; not only this but he was terribly handicapped by not being able to speak the language, but this he has since mastered and now speaks it very fluently. He has gradually worked his way upward, early recognizing the eternal principle that industry wins, and he has ever depended upon earnest, honorable labor in order to attain success. He has never neglected his duties but has performed the tasks that each day has brought and by working earnestly and unremittingly he has gained the handsome competence which he now enjoys and which ranks him with the substantial citizens of this part of the state.

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#### DAN R. SHEA.

Dan R. Shea, of Ottumwa, has for the past twelve years been engaged in business as a wholesale and retail dealer in ice cream and since 1910 has also handled coal on an extensive scale, enjoying an enviable and profitable patronage. His birth occurred in Eddyville, just over the Wapello county line, in Mahaska county, Iowa, on the 27th of May, 1880, his parents being John



and Honorah (Garvey) Shea, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the former born in 1834 and the latter in 1841. They came to this country as children and were married in Iowa. John Shea, followed railroading for many years, acted as track foreman when the Rock Island Railway was built from Keokuk to Des Moines. After the completion of this work he was made roadmaster of the old Keokuk & Des Moines line. His demise occurred in 1912, and his wife is also deceased. Unto them were born nine children, eight sons and one daughter, as follows: Frank, who has passed away; T. E., who is employed as a conductor on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, with headquarters at Ottumwa; John, a resident of Two Harbors, Minnesota, who serves as general roadmaster with the Duluth & Iron Range Railway; William, roadmaster with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, who is also interested in the Shea-Spilman Hardware Company, owning most of the stock; Jerry, the manager of the Doty Clothing Company; James R., whose home is in Two Harbors, Minnesota, and who is a traveling engineer on the Duluth & Iron Range Railway; Alice, the widow of Thomas Callahan; Edward, who is deceased, and Dan R., of this review.

The last named acquired his education in the graded and high schools of Eddyville, and when fifteen years of age became identified with railroad work, being thus employed during the summer months and attending school in the winter seasons. After putting aside his text-books he continued in railroad service until June, 1899, when he abandoned the work because of injuries received, and during the following three years was associated with the Ottumwa Steam Laundry Company. In 1902 he embarked in business as a wholesale and retail dealer in ice cream at No. 333 Church street, Ottumwa, also handling cigars and tobacco. Here he has thus remained in business to the present time, and since 1910 has likewise dealt in coal. Mr. Shea furnishes employment to seventeen men and is accorded a patronage of extensive and gratifying proportions.

On the 16th of February, 1904, Mr. Shea was united in marriage to Miss Mamie B. Devol, a native of Ottumwa and a daughter of W. L. and Blanche (Buncutter) Devol. They now have two children, James Devol and Daniel R., Jr. In politics Mr. Shea is a democrat, while his religious faith is that of the Catholic church, of which he is a devout communicant. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America,

the Knights of Columbus and the Loyal Order of Moose. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shea enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance in the community where they have always resided, and the hospitality of the best homes is cordially extended them.

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### HON. SANFORD KIRKPATRICK.

In taking up the personal history of Hon. Sanford Kirkpatrick we present the record of one who needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for he has a wide acquaintance in Wapello county and, in fact, throughout the state and in various sections of the country. He is usually called Sant by those who know him, a term indicative of friendliness and of close companionship. A native of Ohio, Mr. Kirkpatrick was born in Madison county, February 11, 1842. His father, Minor Kirkpatrick, a native of Virginia, was born in September, 1816, and made farming his life work. On coming to Iowa in 1849 he settled in Highland township, Wapello county, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers. Year after year he tilled the soil and developed his place, and he also took his part as a factor in the community for its betterment and its upbuilding along many lines. He died in December, 1894, and for seventeen years was survived by his wife, who passed away in December, 1911. She bore the maiden name of Hannah Godfrey and was born in West Virginia in March, 1819, so that she had attained the notable old age of ninety-two years at the time of her demise. In their family were seven children: Sanford; Mary J., who died in childhood; Wade, a capitalist at Hedrick; Almira, who is the widow of J. J. Lintner and lives at Hedrick; Gwynne, who died in November, 1889; Abel, who passed away in December, 1861; and Thomas, a practicing physician at Garnett, Kansas.

Sanford Kirkpatrick was a little lad of about seven years when brought by his parents to Iowa, so that he was largely reared in Wapello county, amid the scenes and environment of frontier life. He followed farming on the old homestead to the age of nineteen years, when he entered the army, his patriotic spirit being aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union. He went to the front with the Second Iowa Infantry and served for four and a half years, taking part in many of the most hotly contested engagements, including the battles of Fort

Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth and the one hundred days' fight around Atlanta. He also went with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea, which proved the weakness of the southern Confederacy, and when the preservation of the Union was an assured fact he returned to his home with a most creditable military record.

Mr. Kirkpatrick resumed farming in Wapello county and in 1877 removed to Ottumwa, where he engaged in merchandising for eight years. He then entered the government service, with which he was connected for twenty-seven consecutive years in a war with crime and criminals, looking after everything pertaining to the government revenues. One of his special duties was to prevent the nefarious work of the moonshiners and to prevent counterfeiting. In fact, he was at all times fighting as a stalwart enemy of crime which had to do with the government and has been the means of putting more men behind the bars than any other officer of the United States. In 1912 he was elected to congress from the sixth district and has again been nominated for the office. The record which he made in office placed him with the careful, painstaking legislators who place the public good before personal aggrandizement and seek the general welfare rather than the advancement of partisanship.

In 1865 Mr. Kirkpatrick was united in marriage to Hester M. Lintner, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of George M. and Mary Lintner. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick became the parents of four children: Maud, the wife of A. H. Post of California; Stella, the widow of George E. Porter, a resident of Ottumwa; Minor, who is living in Baltimore, Maryland; and Chase, who died in early childhood. In 1888 Mr. Kirkpatrick was again married, his second union, celebrated in Nashville, Tennessee, being with Miss Nellie Woodington, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a daughter of George and Mary Woodington. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick have a wide acquaintance in Ottumwa, and their circle of friends is coextensive therewith. Mr. Kirkpatrick is known throughout the country in connection with his work in the government service and the record which he has made is, indeed, creditable. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political support is given to the democratic party. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. There is fighting blood in his veins, for he is a great-grandson of one of seven brothers who fought from Bunker Hill to York-

town, taking part in many of the hotly contested engagements which brought independence to the nation. Mr. Kirkpatrick is also well known as an author and lecturer. He has delivered many public addresses upon the subject of crime and its prevention and is now engaged in writing a book dealing with crime and criminals, a volume of six hundred pages. His life work has been productive of good along many directions and no one has ever questioned his fidelity to the public welfare.

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### GEORGE WILBER MOORE THOMPSON.

George W. M. Thompson, engaged in merchandising at Kirkville, has for a considerable period been closely associated with the commercial activity of his part of the state, and intelligently directed effort, unfaltering enterprise and laudable ambition have constituted the keynote of his success. He was born in the Mohawk valley of Coshocton county, Ohio, March 31, 1860. His father, William Thompson, was a native of Omagh, County Tyrone, Ireland, and was the son of a Scotch Presbyterian minister. The mother of William Thompson was in her maidenhood Miss Belle Moore, likewise a native of Ireland, and of Scotch Presbyterian stock. Reared in his native land, William Thompson came to the United States as a young man and in Ohio was united in marriage to Polly Hogle, who was born and reared on the banks of the Walhonding river in Ohio. She was born of American parentage. To Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson came three sons, the brothers of our subject being: John Quigley, who was assistant attorney general of the United States and died in 1913, while serving his country in that capacity; and James Sites, a farmer living near Bancroft, South Dakota. There were also four daughters in the family: Eva and Fannie, residents of Kirkville; and Mrs. Harriet Simpson and Mrs. Bertha Thompson, who are residents of Canton, Kansas.

In the public schools of his native county George W. M. Thompson pursued his education. His early experiences were those which usually fall to the lot of the farm lad, and in early manhood he took up the occupation of farming, which he followed for some time. Later, however, he turned his attention to merchandising, establishing a store in Kirkville, of which he is still the proprietor. He carries a large and well selected line of



goods and his energy, close application and unfaltering determination are the salient features in his continued success.

In the Methodist Episcopal church at Kirkville, on the 24th of March, 1889, was performed the marriage ceremony which united the destinies of George W. M. Thompson and Miss Myrtle Waddell, a daughter of John N. and Sarah (Drake) Waddell. The father was a graduate of the Phopopathic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, with the class of 1844, and in 1853 removed westward to Iowa, coming to Kirkville, Iowa, in 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are widely and favorably known in Kirkville, having a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

Mr. Thompson has been quite active in connection with public matters. For twelve years he was a member of the Kirkville board of education and during a part of that time served as its president, in which connection he did important service for the schools of the city. For three terms he was treasurer of the Kirkville Mutual Insurance Company. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party, and he does everything in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. He belongs to the Masonic lodge of Kirkville, in which he has filled all of the chairs, and his life exemplifies its beneficent spirit. He is likewise a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Thus he manifests a deep and active interest in educational, social and moral progress in the community.

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### HERMAN B. OSTDIEK.

Herman B. Ostdiek, engaged in the manufacture of brick in Ottumwa, has a well equipped plant and the excellence of his product constitutes the salient feature in his growing success. For forty years he has continued in this line of business, and his output during that period has averaged a million and a quarter bricks. He was born in Lee county, Iowa, March 15, 1855, and is a son of Ferdinand B. and Catherine (Schnitker) Ostdiek, who were natives of Munster, Westphalia, Germany, both born in the year 1814. They were reared and married in their native land and with their two older children came to Iowa in 1846, settling in Lee county, where their remaining days were passed. The father followed school teaching in Germany, but in the

United States carried on general farming, owning a tract of one hundred and twenty acres of land. He also taught school for a few years in Lee county and was an excellent penman. He also engaged in the manufacture of lime and brick to some extent. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party, and his religious faith was that of the Catholic church. He died in 1873, while his wife passed away in 1885. They had ten children, of whom four died in early life, while six are yet living: Gerhard and John, residents of Neola, Iowa; Mrs. Minnie Soppe, also living in Neola; Mrs. Elizabeth Holtfaster, of Council Bluffs; Herman B.; and Mrs. Mary Holtkamp, of Lee county.

Herman B. Ostdiek was a resident of Lee county until 1870, when he came to Ottumwa and joined his brother Gerhard, who had established a brick yard at this place, making the first brick here. Herman was employed by his brother until he reached the age of twenty-one years and was then admitted to a partnership. In 1898 he purchased his brother's interest and has since conducted the business alone. He has averaged about one million, two hundred and fifty thousand bricks for the last forty years, and his entire life has been devoted to brick manufacturing. He is familiar with every phase of the business, utilizes modern processes and is very successful in the conduct of his business. In addition to his plant he owns eighty-eight acres of land where he resides, twenty-eight of it being within the city limits, his home being situated at No. 1003 East Pennsylvania avenue. He also has fourteen acres of land where his brick yard is located at Riverview.

On the 1st of March, 1881, Mr. Ostdiek was married to Miss Ellen M. Derks, who was born in Center township, this county, July 15, 1854, and has resided here all her life, being baptized in St. Mary's church. She is a daughter of Gerhard and Petronella (Kosman) Derks, both of whom were natives of Holland, in which country they were reared and married. The father was born January 15, 1825, and the mother on the 29th of September, 1829. They crossed the Atlantic to New Orleans and thence made their way up the Mississippi river in 1850. Mr. Derks engaged in general agricultural pursuits and in the raising of bees and the production of honey. He died November 15, 1910, while his wife passed away June 4, 1873. They were the parents of six children: Mrs. Johanna Yager, living in Ottumwa; Mrs. Ostdiek; Mrs. Rose Stoy, of Chicago; Theodore, of Clyde, Missouri; Mrs. Anna Thometz, of Chicago; and John W., of

Gotebo, Oklahoma. On coming to Iowa Mr. Derks walked with his wife from Eddyville to Ottumwa, a distance of fifteen miles, as there was no railroad. He was a great skater, displaying marked skill on the ice, and he would often skate on the river from Eddyville to Ottumwa to attend mass, thus making the round trip of thirty-four miles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ostdiek have been born six children: Mary Katherine, at home; Rose, the wife of C. Y. Shurtz, of Oskaloosa; Gerhard P., who is with his father in the brick business; Ferdinand T., also with his father; Laurence J., at home; and Joseph H., who is attending Creighton University in Omaha.

In his political views Mr. Ostdiek is a democrat and has supported the men and measures of that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He was reared in the Catholic faith and is now a member of St. Mary's church, of which his family are also communicants. His long connection with the industrial interests of Ottumwa has made him well known in its business circles, and the success which he has won is the merited reward of his earnest, persistent and honorable effort.

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### CHARLES HALLBERG.

Various corporate interests have felt the stimulus of the cooperation of Charles Hallberg, an enterprising business man, who, watchful of his opportunities, has advanced steadily to the goal of success. He is now identified with a number of important business interests of Ottumwa. His birth occurred at Falkenberg, Sweden, February 16, 1868. His ancestors were prominent men, holding government positions, to which only men of college educations were eligible. Some of the family were custom officers, while his great-grandfather, Tobias Hallberg, served as judge of Halmstad and his grandfather was postmaster at Falkenberg. His paternal grandmother's ancestors were ministers in the Lutheran church for three hundred years without a break. I. P. Hallberg, father of our subject, was born in Falkenberg, May 19, 1838, and for almost a half century he engaged in merchandising and banking, continuing in business to the time of his death, which occurred in 1903. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Charlotte Amelia Hedenbergh, is also deceased. In their family were ten children, nine of whom are yet living: Algot, Harry and Gustaf, all of whom are residents



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of Sweden; Charles, of this review; Robert, Hannah and Hilda, in Sweden; Henry, a resident of New York; and Anders, who also makes his home in Sweden.

Charles Hallberg was educated at Gothenburg and Halmstad, Sweden, where he attended the Latin grammar school. After putting aside his text-books he came to the new world in 1884, being at that time a youth of sixteen years. For a month he remained in Chicago and then came to Ottumwa. He secured a position with the Globe Tea Company and in that connection steadily worked his way upward, winning promotion by reason of his unflagging industry, his ready adaptability and his thorough trustworthiness. He carefully saved his earnings and when twenty-one years of age was able to purchase a third interest in the business. When twenty-five years of age he was half owner and at the age of thirty held three-fourths of the stock. He is now secretary, treasurer and manager of the Globe Tea Company, in which connection he bends his energies to administrative direction and executive control. Largely shaping the policy of the house, he has made it one of the important commercial interests of Ottumwa, its ramifying trade connections now covering a wide territory. In fact it has long been the largest concern of the kind in this state. This does not indicate, however, the scope of Mr. Hallberg's business activities, for in addition to the management of the Globe Tea Company he is one of the directors and treasurer of the wholesale grocery firm of J. G. Hutchison Company and is a director of the Iowa Savings Bank. Colleagues and contemporaries regard him as a man of sound business judgment and unfaltering enterprise, and his life record is the indication of his ability, which has as its component elements not any unusual qualities, but such cultivable traits as diligence, determination and integrity.

On the 4th of June, 1894, Mr. Hallberg was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Hoglund, who was born in Ottumwa, a daughter of ex-Alderman E. Hoglund and Martha (Wickstrom) Hoglund, who are still residents of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Hallberg have a family of four children: Hildur, who is a student in the State University at Iowa City; Marion, attending high school; Melvin, who is also in school, and Wilma. Mrs. Hallberg has been very active in religious, club and social circles. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hallberg hold membership in the Swedish Lutheran church, in which he has been deacon or trustee for twenty years and a delegate to state conferences and synods a

number of times. His wife takes a helpful interest in various branches of church work and has been a member of the board of the Young Women's Christian Association. She is now president of the Home Culture Club.

Mr. Hallberg gives his political allegiance to the republican party and, while never an office seeker, he has not been remiss in the duties of citizenship, but, on the contrary, has cooperated in many projects for the benefit and upbuilding of the city. For three years he served on the school board. He is thoroughly American in spirit and interests and though still feeling a love for the land of his birth, his deepest attachment is for the land of his adoption, where the greater part of his life has been spent and where he has found and improved the opportunities that have led to success. A noted traveler once said, in comparing the other countries with Sweden, that the latter "is the home of the honest man." Mr. Hallberg seems to have inherited this characteristic trait, and wherever he is spoken of in business circles his thorough reliability is mentioned as well as the enterprising spirit that has lead him to overcome difficulties and obstacles and advance steadily along commercial lines, his efforts proving an element in general prosperity as well as in the acquirement of individual wealth.

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### EMERY M. WILSON.

Emery M. Wilson is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of Wapello county and still lives on the old homestead three miles west of the county seat on the Eddyville Road. It was here that he was born on the 20th of January, 1869, and he has always resided upon this place.

He is a son of Prier S. Wilson, who for many years was a leading agriculturist of the county and a man highly respected by all who knew him. He deserves much credit for what he accomplished, for he started out in the world empty-handed when but eleven years of age and became the possessor of valuable farming property. He was a native of Monroe county, Indiana, born July 22, 1838, and he traced his ancestry back through intermediate generations to Ireland. His grandfather and his father, however, were natives of Kentucky, and the family home was established in Indiana in pioneer times. There Prier S. Wilson remained until 1849, when he removed to Wapello county, Iowa. After a brief period he went to Van Buren county,

but in 1852 returned to Wapello county, and from that time forward until his death was closely and prominently associated with agricultural interests here. In 1860 he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land and as his financial resources increased extended the boundaries of his farm until he had four hundred acres. Upon this place he erected a dwelling in 1862 and also built a large barn fifty by one hundred feet, and other buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. Some years afterward he erected another residence thirty-five by forty feet and afterward a third home twenty-eight by thirty feet, renting the first two and occupying the third. He brought his land to a high state of cultivation and in addition to the production of large crops he raised cattle and hogs. He likewise dealt in real estate and gained a good profit from the sale and purchase of farms. He was a man of high business integrity and honor, straightforward in all his dealings, and was never known to take advantage of the necessities of a fellowman in a business transaction.

For almost sixty years he resided upon the old homestead, settling there in 1852 and remaining thereon until his death on the 26th of April, 1911. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Stephenson, passed away in March, 1874. They were married in 1858 and unto them were born five children: Nancy, who is now the widow of Frank Arnold of Kansas City, Missouri; Laura E., the widow of Wesley Bryant of Chariton, Iowa; Albert D., living in Ottumwa; Emery M., of this review; and Thomas H., who died in early childhood. Having lost his first wife, Mr. Wilson was married again in 1880.

Emery M. Wilson spent his youthful days upon the old home farm on the Eddyville Road, where his birth occurred January 20, 1869. As his age and strength increased he assisted more and more largely in the work of the fields and ultimately came into possession of two hundred acres of the old homestead, which he still owns. He makes dairying and stock-raising the principal features of his place. In connection with his brother, Albert D., and their father, he conducted a dairy and ran a milk wagon in the city for about twenty years, and continued to run the wagon alone for about ten years. At times they had one hundred and ten cows for their dairy supply, and Mr. Wilson now has about twenty-five head of dairy cattle. His business has always been carefully managed, his enterprise is unfaltering, and his judgment concerning the leading features of his business is sound and reliable.



In 1889 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss E. Millie May Houk, who was born in Wapello county, Iowa, October 24, 1868, a daughter of Jacob and Chloe C. Houk, who were early settlers of Wapello county, coming to this state from Pennsylvania. Both her parents passed away here. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born two children: Forest Henry and Ardie C., both at home. Mr. Wilson is widely known in this county, where his entire life has been passed and where his many substantial qualities have won him success in business and the high regard of his fellowmen. He represents one of the worthy old pioneer families, and the work which was instituted by his father is now being successfully carried on by him, resulting in the material development of the community as well as in his personal success.

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#### A. N. WILLIAMS.

A. N. Williams is a retired farmer and real-estate dealer, now living in Ottumwa. He was born in Marion county, Indiana, April 14, 1842, and is a son of Jonas and Sarah (Woodcock) Williams, who were married at Rushville, Indiana. The father was a native of that state and the mother of New York. They began their domestic life in Marion county, Indiana, where the family resided until the spring of 1858, when removal was made to Louisa county, Iowa. The father had died in Marion county on the 20th of July, 1853, at the age of forty-six years, while the mother, who was born May 28, 1815, passed away in Agency, Iowa, on the 14th of April, 1900, when in the eighty-fifth year of her age. They were the parents of seven children. Alvah, who died July 20, 1865, had served for three years as a member of Company D, Seventeenth Iowa Infantry. Caroline, now deceased, was the wife of William Rerald. A. N. is the next of the family. Cyrus died July 20, 1853. Ezra is living in Garnett, Kansas. Catherine Jane and Electa have both passed away.

A. N. Williams was a lad of eleven years at the time of his father's death. He remained with his mother in Indiana until 1858 and afterward resided with her on a farm in Louisa county, Iowa, up to the time of his enlistment for service in the Civil war. He watched with interest the progress of events that seemed to indicate that the country would become involved in hostilities

and on the 13th of June, 1861, just two months after the first gun was fired, he enrolled as a member of Company K, Eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained until honorably discharged on account of physical disability on the 13th of March, 1862. As soon as he had sufficiently recovered he reenlisted August 15, 1862, joining Company G, Nineteenth Iowa Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war on the 14th of April, 1865. He participated in all of the engagements with his company and was frequently in the thickest of the fight. He never faltered in the performance of any duty assigned him and returned home with a most creditable military record.

When the war was over Mr. Williams resumed farming in Louisa county and there carried on general agricultural pursuits until November 3, 1869, when he made an overland trip to Missouri, Arkansas and Texas, driving over that part of the country in company with others. He continued upon the plains of the west and southwest for fifteen years and in the spring of 1884 returned to Iowa, establishing his home in Moravia. He afterward engaged in farming in Appanoose county until he came to Wapello county in 1890. For about eight years he resided in South Ottumwa.

Mr. Williams was married here on his fiftieth birthday and afterward engaged in farming on a place four miles southwest of the city, on Village creek. At length he sold that property and returned to South Ottumwa. For three years he leased a farm on Bear creek and afterward bought a farm near Agency, on which he lived for eight years, during which period he brought the fields to a high state of cultivation and derived therefrom splendid harvests. At length he sold out and returned to Ottumwa, where he has since been engaged in the real-estate business, handling city and farm properties and rentals. He has been accorded a good clientage, and his business is now extensive and gratifying.

On the 13th of March, 1872, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Jeanette Noe, who was born in Tennessee and died in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1874. He was not again married until the 14th of April, 1892, when he wedded Miss Birdie Walker, a native of Iowa. They have one daughter, Leah, at home.

Mr. Williams exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but does not seek

nor desire public office. He holds membership with the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains pleasant associations with those who wore the blue uniform as he did during the darkest hour in our country's history. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, and its teachings have been the motive force in his life. His experiences have been varied, but he has never lost sight of the high principles which have governed him, and that his has been a well spent life is indicated in the expressions of warm regard heard from his many friends when his name is mentioned.

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### J. A. CREAMER.

More than a century ago George Washington said that agriculture is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man, and the truth stands today as it did when the sentence was uttered. Mr. Creamer is numbered among those who are devoting their lives to farm work, his property comprising a tract of forty acres on section 24, Agency township. He was born in Arkansas, June 29, 1874, and is a son of A. J. and Samantha J. (Bartholomew) Creamer. The father's birth occurred in Illinois, while the mother was a native of Ohio, and they came to Wapello county about sixty years ago. For an extended period they were identified with agricultural interests here, and in 1910 they removed to the state of Washington, where they are now residing. They were the parents of four children, but Leona J., their first born, is now deceased. The others are: Amanda W., the wife of George Beall of Agency township; J. A., of this review; and C. M., who is also in the state of Washington.

Although born in Arkansas, J. A. Creamer has spent the greater part of his life in Iowa, and in the acquirement of his education he pursued a high-school course. Through the period of his boyhood and youth he assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm, continuing to assist him until twenty-two years of age. About that time he was united in marriage to Miss Birdie McDowell, who was born September 1, 1877, in Jefferson county, Iowa, and is a daughter of Aden and Mary (Spurlock) McDowell, both of whom were natives of Jefferson county. In 1911 they left Iowa for Colorado, where they now make their home. Mrs. Creamer is the eldest of their four children, the others

being: Cora O., the wife of J. A. Reeve of Minnesota; Elna, who is a teacher; and Hazel, who is living at Boulder, Colorado.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Creamer began their domestic life upon a rented farm, and for some years he continued to cultivate land which he leased, but during that period he carefully saved his earnings and when his economy and industry had brought him sufficient capital he invested in property, becoming the owner of forty acres on section 24, Agency township. He has since devoted his attention to its cultivation and improvement and now has an excellent farm, which is well equipped with modern accessories and conveniences. To Mr. and Mrs. Creamer have been born two children: Harry L., who was born May 4, 1898, and is now a pupil in the high school of Agency; and Helen Fern, born August 9, 1902. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Agency and are loyal to its teachings. Mr. Creamer also belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and to the Grange of Agency, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Practically his entire life has been passed in this state, and he has ever been an interested witness of its development and progress. His life in a way has been quietly and uneventfully passed, yet the record illustrates what may be accomplished when energy and ambition point out the way to success.

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### C. D. GITHENS.

C. D. Githens, a worthy native son and representative merchant of Wapello county, is actively engaged in the grain, feed and fuel business at Ottumwa, in which he embarked in 1901. He was born on the 11th of September, 1876, a son of W. H. and Debby J. (Reed) Githens. J. T. Githens, the paternal grandfather of our subject, took up his abode among the earliest settlers of this county, here purchasing a farm and making a specialty of the raising and selling of hedge plants for fences. He also made the first threshing machine engine in the county and was widely recognized as an enterprising and substantial citizen. His son, W. H. Githens, still resides on a farm in Wapello county and has long been numbered among the prosperous and respected citizens here. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Githens have two sons:



C. D., of this review; and Fred, who resides on a farm and devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits.

C. D. Githens attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when he came to Ottumwa, here working as an electrician for four years. On the expiration of that period, in 1901, he embarked in business as a dealer in feed and fuel, in which he has been engaged continuously since, owning a half interest in the enterprise. He is accorded a liberal patronage and has won an enviable reputation as a business man of ability and unquestioned integrity. He also owns a half interest in a farm of one hundred and forty-two and a half acres in this county.

Mr. Githens was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Rhue of Jones county, Iowa, her parents being H. E. and Ida Rhue, who came to Wapello county about 1894 and are still living here. Mr. and Mrs. Githens have one child, Helen.

Mr. Githens gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Owls. Both he and his wife attend the services of the First Methodist Episcopal church. His entire life has been spent in Wapello county, and the circle of his acquaintances is a wide one. A man of exemplary habits, of high principles and of upright conduct, wherever he is known he commands the good-will and trust of those with whom he is associated.

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### MRS. ANGELICA L. SCHAFER.

Throughout her residence in Ottumwa Mrs. Angelica L. (Horn) Schafer has been prominently identified with the business interests of the city, having in connection with her husband embarked in the ice business on their arrival here in 1879, and she is still actively connected with that industry. She comes of a very old and highly respected family in Germany, being born on a farm belonging to the Hohenzollern family, it being the property of King William. Her paternal grandfather had charge of this farm for thirty years and was also mayor of the city in which he resided, being one of the most prominent men of that community. Her parents were Ambrose and Mary C. Horn, who



MRS. ANGELICA L. SCHAEFER



spent their entire lives in Germany. In their family were seven children.

Mrs. Schafer was reared and educated in her native land and in 1864 was united in marriage to Ludwig Schafer. Later they came to America and located in Wapello county, Iowa, and here the husband died in 1887. Ten children were born of this union, namely: Frank, who is still at home and is now engaged in the ice business in partnership with his mother; Louis H., also of Ottumwa; Mary T., the wife of William J. Dinklage; Elizabeth C., the wife of George Siebert of Sioux City, Iowa; Ella M., the wife of L. P. Eisenbeis, of Ottumwa; Fred C.; Charles L.; Anna L., who is a graduate of a business college and now has charge of some of her mother's business; John; and Jacob. The six brothers are in business in connection with their mother. One of Mrs. Schafer's grandsons, Frank Strohauer is a graduate of Leland Stanford University of Palo Alto, California, and two granddaughters, the Misses Desdemona and Juletta Eisenbeis, the former eighteen years of age the latter sixteen, will graduate from the Ottumwa high school this year.

On locating in the city of Ottumwa in 1879 Mr. and Mrs. Schafer embarked in the ice business, which is still carried on by the widow in connection with her children. Mr. Schafer was a good, reliable business man and was a supporter of the Democratic party. The family hold membership in the Catholic church and are highly esteemed by all who know them.

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### JOSEPH C. BLUNK.

Joseph C. Blunk, prominently connected with industrial enterprises, has devoted his entire life to contract work, concentrating his energies largely upon railroad construction, masonry and street work, not only in Ottumwa, where he makes his home, but in other sections of the country as well.

He was born in Ottumwa, May 25, 1867, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Conly) Blunk, who were natives of Indiana, born September 6, 1838, and January 11, 1838, respectively. They were married in Illinois on the 24th of April, 1860, and the wife died October 30, 1869, after which Mr. Blunk married Sarah Ann Porter, who passed away in 1910. His death occurred July 23, 1912, when he had almost reached the ripe old



age of seventy-four years. He had removed westward to Bloomington, Illinois, with his parents when a lad of nine years and resided there until he enlisted for active service in the Civil war in the fall of 1861, when about twenty-three years of age, joining the Fourth Illinois Cavalry, with which he served for three years and six months, or until honorably discharged after the close of hostilities. He participated in all of the principal battles in which his regiment took part and was particularly fortunate in that he was never wounded. He was with the army at Shiloh and at Corinth and went with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea. After the war, or in 1866, Mr. Blunk became a resident of Ottumwa, where he resided until his death. Here he engaged in contract teaming business and conducted a dray line for about ten years. About fifteen years prior to his death he retired from active business and spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. His political support was always given to the republican party, for he believed that its principles contained the best elements of good government. Fraternally he was connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, and for thirty-six years he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Blunk had a family of four children by his first marriage: George, who was born in January, 1861, and died September 30, 1862; Evaline, who was born August 29, 1865, and died July 14, 1866; Joseph C.; and Henrietta, who was born September 29, 1869, and died on the 1st of February, 1870. There were also two children by his second marriage: Amanda May, now the wife of B. Sopher of Ottumwa; and Hattie, who died at the age of three years.

Joseph C. Blunk was born and reared in Ottumwa and has here spent his entire life. When fourteen years of age he started with his father in contract work and has since been engaged in business along that line, largely doing railroad construction work and masonry and street work. In fact, he takes contracts for heavy work of all kinds both in and out of Ottumwa. He has done much street paving and throughout the years has been accorded a liberal and gratifying patronage.

On the 9th of August, 1893, Mr. Blunk was united in marriage to Miss Estella May Lewis, who was born in Ottumwa in 1874, a daughter of Fred T. and Alice (Knowde) Lewis, the former a native of Iowa and the latter of Maryland. They were among the early settlers of Ottumwa. Mr. and Mrs. Blunk have

become the parents of five children: Donald J., Daphne, Estella May, Raymond and Alice. Mr. Blunk is independent in politics, supporting men and measures rather than party. His influence is always on the side of progress and improvement, and he believes that work relative to the general welfare should be carried steadily forward. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks and with the Odd Fellows and in those organizations is popular.

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### P. L. GUGGERTY.

P. L. Guggerty is one of the prosperous landowners of Cass township, Wapello county, holding title to a property consisting of three hundred and forty-four acres. He was born in Cass township, December 2, 1870, and is a son of Lawrence and Bridget (Gillespie) Guggerty, natives of Ireland, who came to America in 1849, their marriage being performed in this country. Both are still living and to them were born ten children: Margaret, the wife of J. Mangan; Julia, deceased; John; Mary, at home; P. L., of this review; B. E.; W. E.; Ellen, the wife of Michael Riley; Agnes; and one who died in infancy.

P. L. Guggerty was reared under the parental roof, and under the guidance of his parents he became imbued with those principles which make for success in life. Industry and honesty were the watchwords in his father's household, and he early was held to do his work upon the homestead. He attended the neighboring schools and also had a college education. After laying aside his text-books he remained with his parents, assisting the father in the farm work. During this time he became acquainted with the tried and thorough methods by which the father had succeeded and there laid the foundation for his agricultural success. After his marriage he began to farm on one of his father's properties in Cass township, on section 26, and he now operates three hundred and forty-four acres, making a specialty of stock-raising. He is thoroughly modern and up-to-date and has introduced new standards to agricultural life in his part of the county. His buildings are in the best of condition, well and substantially built, modernly equipped, thoroughly sanitary and well lighted. He employs the latest machinery and all of his acres are under high cultivation, annually returning him most gratifying yields. In

following stock-raising he also applies the latest ideas and has been eminently successful along this line.

P. L. Guggerty was united in marriage to Miss Nora Glenn, a native of Farmington, Iowa, her father and her mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Murphy, both being natives of Ireland who emigrated to America many years ago. Both have passed away. They had ten children, of whom six are living. Before her marriage Mrs. Guggerty followed school teaching for some time, being considered one of the most successful instructors in her neighborhood. She and her husband have three children: Margaret Irene, born June 9, 1900; Mary Rose, September 6, 1902; and Lawrence Glenn, born November 23, 1904.

Mr. and Mrs. Guggerty are devout communicants of the Catholic church, to which they make generous contributions. Fraternally he belongs to the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and politically is a democrat. He is serving as assessor of Cass township, being now in his second term, and is also a school director of his district, ever having taken a laudable interest in the cause of education. Mr. Guggerty is not only one of the substantial residents of Cass township but has been a factor in its development, particularly in regard to agricultural progress. He is public-spirited and a useful American citizen who is ever ready to make personal sacrifices in order to promote the general welfare. He has many friends, all of whom are proud to be considered as such by him, and receives on all hands the respect and esteem which is due him for what he has achieved in life and because of his substantial qualities of character.

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### DANIEL F. STECK.

Daniel F. Steck, junior member of the firm of Steck & Steck, well known attorneys of Ottumwa, is one of the younger members of the bar who has won well deserved success. He has practiced in association with his father for the past eight years and is now serving his second term as county attorney.

His birth occurred in Ottumwa, this county, on the 16th of December, 1881, his parents being A. C. and Ada (Washburn) Steck. The father was born September 12, 1852, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Steck, who were of good old Pennsylvania stock. A. C. Steck

acquired his early education in the common schools, later pursued a course in the local academy and in 1872 was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He read law under the preceptorship of United States Senator Cowan, one of the most eminent of Pennsylvania lawyers. He was deputy in each one of the offices at the Westmoreland county courthouse and was held in high favor by all the old residents. Mr. Steck was admitted to practice in the various courts of the county and came to Iowa in 1875, opening an office in Ottumwa. His progress was rapid and well deserved. He was elected county attorney in 1886 and reelected two years later, in one of these election contests carrying every township in the county and nearly every voting precinct. In 1900 he was nominated for congress on the democratic ticket against his protest, and ran about fourteen hundred votes ahead of his party ticket. In this contest he was pitted against Hon. John F. Lacey, a man of national reputation. In 1878, A. C. Steck was married to Ada Washburn, her father being Erastus Washburn, at one time county auditor and an old settler held in high repute by everyone. By this union there are two children: Mrs. Alice Moss; and Daniel F., of this review, who was named for his grandfather. The father has been a resident of Ottumwa for thirty-nine years; during that time he was for three years general counselor for the Colorado Coal & Iron Company, with headquarters at Pueblo. For a number of years he was the senior member of the legal firm of Steck & Smith, the latter being the Hon. J. J. Smith, state senator from Wapello county for four years and one of the leading lawyers of southern Iowa.

After completing his high-school course Daniel F. Steck entered the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1906. In that year he began the practice of law in association with his father, the firm style of Steck & Steck being adopted. The relation has been maintained to the present time with mutual pleasure and profit. The zeal with which they have devoted their energies to the profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of their clients and an assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of their cases, have brought them a large business and made them very successful in its conduct.

In 1908 Mr. Steck was united in marriage to Miss Lucile Oehler, of Iowa City, a daughter of A. M. Oehler. She also enjoyed the advantages of a college education. Mr. Steck gives



his political allegiance to the democracy and is now serving for the second term in the office of county attorney, making a highly creditable and commendable record in that connection. He is a popular member of the Wapello Country Club, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. In both professional and social circles of his native county he has won an enviable reputation.

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### GEORGE A. BROWN.

The name of George A. Brown figures prominently in connection with banking interests in Ottumwa and has ever been a synonym for that progressiveness which insures a broadening field of activity and usefulness and at the same time is tempered by a wise conservatism that prompts the careful guarding of the interests intrusted to his care. He is today at the head of the banking firm of George A. Brown & Son and has been connected with other financial institutions of the county. His birth occurred in Ogdensburg, New York, July 18, 1845, his parents being William S. and Agnes (Weatherstone) Brown, who were natives of Scotland. They came to the United States in early life and were married in New York, after which they remained residents of Ogdensburg until called to their final rest. The father followed farming in early life and for many years was active as a merchant in his community. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church, and his political belief that of the Republican party, but, while he was interested in the success of the party and always voted for its men and measures, he declined to accept office.

George A. Brown was the sixth in order of birth in a family of eight children, all of whom have passed away save himself and brother, Robert S., who is living in California. The youthful days of George A. Brown were spent in Ogdensburg, with experiences similar to those that fall to the lot of most lads. He remained in his native city until he reached the age of seventeen years and then, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, enlisted in 1862 with Scott's "nine hundred," the First United States Volunteer Cavalry. He continued with that command for three years, or until the close of the war, and was on active duty with the Army of the Potomac, the Army of the Gulf and the Army of

Mississippi and Tennessee, being mustered out at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1865. He entered the service as a private and came out with the brevet rank of captain after participating in all of the important engagements and military movements in which his regiment took part. The command was finally ordered to New York and became known as the Eleventh New York Cavalry.

Returning home after the war, George A. Brown attended school for two years at the old Wesleyan Seminary and in 1868 he made his way westward to Chicago and thence to Rockford, Illinois, becoming connected with the Rockford Fire Insurance Company at its organization. He remained with them until he came to Ottumwa in 1873, and here he has since resided. He has been general agent for the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of New York for Missouri and the southwest for a number of years, while in Ottumwa he has been actively engaged in the banking business. He was one of the organizers and is the vice president of the Citizens Savings Bank of Ottumwa. He also helped organize the Ottumwa National Bank and was one of its directors for a number of years. He also aided in organizing the City Savings Bank and was on its directorate for a number of years following its establishment in 1873. He likewise organized the State Bank of Ottumwa and the Citizens Bank of Ottumwa. The banking firm of George A. Brown & Son is today widely known, having continued in business since 1873. They can pay all liabilities on demand and there has never been a time in the existence of the firm this could not be done. Their business is today and has been for many years one of large extent and importance. When in the insurance business Mr. Brown covered the entire middle west country on horseback and is today recognized as one of the important factors in financial circles.

At Oxbow, New York, in 1874, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Euphemia Belle Elliott, who was born at that place and passed away in July, 1911. They had two children: Jeannette A., the deceased wife of Howard Herr; and Ray Elliott, who is a partner of his father in the banking business. In October, 1913, Mr. Brown married again, his second union being with Mrs. Mary E. Harper, the widow of Captain W. T. Harper. Mr. Brown has been a lifelong republican, indorsing the principles of the party because of his belief in their efficacy as factors in good government. His social nature finds expression in his membership in the Country Club, and his fraternal spirit in his connection with the Masons and the Odd Fellows. He is a member

of the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as elder, and his influence is always on the side of right, progress, reform and improvement. In business affairs he has maintained an unsailable reputation because of the integrity of his methods, while his enterprise and determination have been the foundation upon which he builded his success.

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### S. A. FUQUA.

S. A. Fuqua is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war and also one of the leading citizens of Dahlonga township. He is now living retired, but for an extended period was actively associated with general agricultural pursuits and the business ability which he displayed in that connection brought him the measure of success that now enables him to rest from further labors. He was born in Kentucky, August 22, 1838, and has, therefore, passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey. His parents, John and Letta (Rigdon) Fuqua, were also natives of Kentucky and in the early '40s came to Iowa, where they remained until the mother's death. The father afterward returned to his native state and there spent his last days. In their family were six children.

S. A. Fuqua, who is the only one now living, remained at home until he had attained his majority and then started out to earn his own living by working as a farm hand. He was brought to Iowa during his early childhood and shared with the family in all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life when Wapello county was a fronter district. He also attended the primitive schools of this locality, but his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited, owing to the fact that his services were needed in the arduous work of developing a new farm. He was a young man of about twenty-four years when, in 1862, aroused by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted for service in Company E, Twenty-second Iowa Infantry, with which he served for three years. He participated in twelve hotly contested engagements, including the battles of Vicksburg and Cedar Creek, where the regiment lost heavily. With the close of the war he was mustered out at Savannah, Georgia, and returned home with a most creditable military record.

When the country no longer needed his aid Mr. Fuqua began farming on his own account in Iowa and continuously followed that occupation until he retired from active business life about five years ago. He owned and cultivated a good tract of land, and the careful management of his business affairs, combined with the practical and progressive methods which he displayed in tilling the soil, brought to him a most gratifying measure of success. He still owns his home in Dahlonga township.

In August, 1866, Mr. Fuqua was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Pegg, who was born in Greene county, Indiana, a daughter of James and Julia Ann (Pagget) Pegg, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Indiana. In 1860 they came to Iowa, settling in Wapello county, where the father worked at the carpenter's trade. Both he and his wife remained residents of this county until called to the home beyond. They had a family of seven children, of whom six survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Fuqua nine children were born: Ida M., the wife of O. Carter of this county; Laura, the wife of Dan Rollison of Ottumwa; Minnie, the wife of Jake Simmers; John W., now of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Julia Ann, deceased; Bertha, the wife of Fred Rutman; Bert, the wife of Emanuel Arandus; Minerva, the wife of V. Thorp; and Gertrude, the wife of Milton Cooper.

In his political views Mr. Fuqua is a republican, having supported the party since attaining his majority. He has held no political office, but has served as school director, and is interested in many measures having to do with the progress, upbuilding and improvement of the community. He is a member of the Grand Army post of Ottumwa and thus maintains pleasant relations with the "boys in blue." In days of peace he has been as true and loyal to his country and her best interests as he was when he followed the old flag upon the battlefields of the south. He is, therefore, today classed as one of the representative and valued citizens of Wapello county as well as one of its worthy pioneers.

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### D. B. DAVIS.

D. B. Davis, an enterprising young business man of Ottumwa, conducts two drug stores in the city and is accorded a gratifying patronage in this connection. His birth occurred in Appanoose county, Iowa, on the 24th of August, 1884, his parents being W.



P. and Alma (Linch) Davis, likewise natives of that county. They are now residents of Pierre, South Dakota. Six of their seven children are still living.

D. B. Davis remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and for some time served as deputy sheriff under his father. He enjoyed the advantages of a high-school education and is also a graduate of the Highland Park College of Pharmacy of Des Moines, completing the course in that institution in 1905. Subsequently he undertook the management of a drug store at Centerville, Appanoose county, and in 1909 came to Ottumwa, opening the store on the south side of which he has since remained the proprietor. In 1911 he purchased the drug store of L. H. Young on the north side and has also conducted this establishment to the present time. An extensive patronage is accorded him, for he carries a complete line of drugs and druggists' sundries and both of his stores are attractive and well appointed. He likewise owns a wholesale and retail cigar store at Centerville, Iowa, and is widely recognized as one of the prosperous and able young business men of his community.

On the 14th of March, 1911, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Pearl F. Stewart, a native of Des Moines and a daughter of William and Alice Stewart. The father is deceased, but the mother still survives and makes her home in Ottumwa. Mr. Davis is a republican in politics but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Yeomen. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are young people of high standing in the community in which they reside, are sociable and hospitable to a degree and by their many excellent traits of character have gained the respect and high regard of an extensive circle of warm friends.

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### EDGAR DAGGETT.

Edgar Daggett, engaged in the livery, transfer, undertaking and storage business in Ottumwa, was born in New York, October 9, 1843, and comes of New England ancestry. His paternal grandfather, Ebenezer Daggett, was born at Needham, Massachusetts, in 1762, and died in 1845. His wife, Jeanette Patterson, a native of Enfield, Massachusetts, was born in 1778 and passed

away in 1859. It was in Enfield that Ebenezer Daggett, father of Edgar Daggett, was born in 1798. He became a manufacturer, devoting his life to pursuits of that character. He died in 1859, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Pope, passed away in Ottumwa in 1862, at the age of sixty-one years, her birth having occurred in 1801.

Edgar Daggett is indebted to the public-school system of New York for the educational privileges which he enjoyed during his youthful days. In early manhood he made his way westward to Wapello county and began clerking in Ottumwa for the firm of Daggett & Edgerly, the senior partner being his brother. They were proprietors of a hardware store, in which Edgar Daggett remained for six years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to embark in the dairy business on his own account. He continued in that line until 1900 and something of the growth of his patronage is indicated in the fact that, while he started with six cows, ere he closed out his business he had one hundred and thirty-five cows. He conducted both a retail and wholesale business, running three wagons. After closing out he embarked in the livery, transfer, undertaking and storage business and still conducts all these. Since its organization the business has grown year by year, having increased at least fourfold, and he now employs thirty-five people. He has never been afraid of work. Indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature, and through his determination and unflagging energy he has reached success.

On the 2d of March, 1865, Mr. Daggett was united in marriage to Miss Helen Hammond, who was born in Wapello county, in December, 1844, a daughter of Harrison and Eliza (Baker) Hammond, the former a mill man before the roller system of flour manufacture was introduced. Mr. and Mrs. Daggett have become parents of three sons: Henry and Ernest Lee, who are associated with their father in business; and Frank. The eldest married Sarah Coffin and they had one child, Helen. Following the death of the mother Henry Daggett wedded Etta Jones and to this union has been born a daughter, Dorothy. Ernest Lee married Anna Doty and has two children: Doty and Mary. Frank married Leora Sprague and has one child, Jeanette. The family are members of the Methodist church, and Mr. Daggett belongs also to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. Mr. Daggett deserves much credit for what he has ac-

complished, for his success is attributable entirely to his own efforts. Gradually he has worked his way upward, and what he has undertaken he has accomplished. He is now at the head of an important and growing business, and the future seems to hold out promises of still greater success.

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### CAPTAIN CHARLES PERRY BROWN.

When the tocsin of war sounded men flocked to the nation's standard from the fields, the work shops, the counting rooms and the offices, the spirit of patriotism burning proudly within each breast, each soldier being ready to face danger and if necessary meet death in defense of the stars and stripes and the cause represented by Old Glory. Iowa has reason to be proud of her military record during its darkest hour in our country's history. Captain Charles Perry Brown was among the number who almost before the smoke from Fort Sumter's guns had cleared away offered their aid to the government and went to the front, and he proved a most brave and loyal soldier throughout the period of hostilities. Captain Brown is now living retired in Ottumwa, spending his days in well earned ease. He was for a number of years prominently identified with financial interests as president of the Ottumwa Savings Bank, which he organized in the fall of 1887.

His birth occurred in Warren, Herkimer county, New York, on the 30th of October, 1840, his parents being the Rev. Charles Edward and Frances (Lyon) Brown. The father, who was born in Oneida county, New York, February 23, 1813, was a son of Rev. Phillip Perry Brown, whose birth occurred in Bennington, Vermont, September 17, 1790, and who died in Madison, New York, September 23, 1876. Rev. P. P. Brown was a Baptist minister, holding pastorates of various Baptist churches in central New York. His mother, Anna Perry Brown, was a member of the family of Oliver Hazard Perry of naval fame. Betsy Dickey, wife of Rev. P. P. Brown, was born in Weathersfield, Vermont, October 23, 1788, and died in Hamilton, New York, April 2, 1862. Her father was a Scotch-Irishman, who came from Londonderry in the north of Ireland to Londonderry, New Hampshire, before the Revolutionary war. Rev. C. E. Brown, in telling the story of his life, said: "My parents moved from Augusta to Smithfield in Madison county, New York, and there

I lived amidst the privations of pioneer life until my eighteenth birthday." In 1831 Rev. C. E. Brown started out in life for himself and began to work on a farm. At a revival meeting in 1832 he became a Christian and was baptized by his father, shortly afterward entering the Hamilton Literary and Theological Seminary. He then taught school until 1835 and did some ministerial work. On July 15, 1838, he reentered the Hamilton Seminary and was ordained on the 20th of September. On the 26th of September, 1838, in the Baptist church at Little Falls, he was married to Frances Lyon, the Rev. H. Beach officiating. He then became pastor of a church at Norway, Herkimer county, New York, but in 1840 was assigned to missionary work in Iowa. On May 2, 1842, he and his family left Utica, New York, for the west. His story of the journey, the hardships and privations of pioneer traveling, is most interesting and covers many pages of a book written by his son, Captain Charles Perry Brown. He was appointed to Iowa by the American Baptist Home Mission Society. He made his first home at Maquoketa, Jackson county, and in the following fall removed to Davenport. After nine years of arduous and successful labor in his calling failing health obliged him to return to New York in May, 1851, where he spent six years in central and western counties, returning to Iowa in July, 1857, to make a home in Howard county. He was a man of excellent executive ability and sound judgment, was enterprising and progressive and possessed unusual strength of character—qualities which insure success in the commercial world. However, he preferred to devote his life to the betterment and uplift of humanity in the service of his Master. His demise occurred at Ottumwa, Iowa, on the 23d of July, 1901, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 12th of June, 1887. The latter, a noble Christian woman and a devoted, loving wife and mother, was a daughter of Dr. Benjamin Lyon, of Herkimer county, New York, whose wife, Mrs. Brown's mother, was Margaret Duncan, daughter of Richard Duncan, a prominent Scotchman who left his native land on account of political disturbances and settled near Schenectady, New York, at an early day.

To Rev. Charles E. and Frances (Lyon) Brown were born five children. Benjamin P., a native of Norway, Herkimer county, New York, was drowned in the Maquoketa river, in Jackson county, Iowa, on the 20th of June, 1848. On the morning of that day he had read, with his parents and younger brother,



the first chapter of Mark. The next in order of birth is Charles Perry of this review. James De Grush, born in Le Claire township, Scott county, Iowa, February 9, 1846, was connected with the freight department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Ottumwa and is now general agent of the New York Central lines at St. Joseph, Missouri. George Lyon Brown, born in Herkimer county, New York, July 29, 1853, died from injuries received while coupling cars at St. Paul Junction, Minnesota, September 1, 1871. William Carlos, twin brother of George L. Brown, was formerly general manager of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and in 1901 became vice president and general manager of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and Lake Erie & Western Railways. On January 1, 1909, he was made president of the New York Central lines and held the office until he retired in January, 1914.

Charles Perry Brown acquired his education in the common schools of New York and Iowa and was a teacher in country district schools in northern Iowa during the winter terms of 1859, 1860 and 1861. He was the first volunteer from Howard county for the Civil war, enlisting about April 20, 1861, in the Decorah Guards, a Winneshiek county company, which was mustered into the service of the United States as Company D, Third Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, at Keokuk, Iowa. The first, second and third regiments of Iowa infantry were organized at Keokuk about the same time, all being there together before any left for the field. At the organization of his company Mr. Brown was elected third corporal and in March, 1862, was promoted to be second sergeant. He was made first lieutenant of artillery in May, 1863, and in September, 1864, was appointed captain and assistant adjutant general of volunteers by President Lincoln, holding that position until discharged in December, 1865. He served continuously from April 20, 1861, until December 31, 1865, when he was honorably discharged by war department order, for the reason that his services were no longer required. He was on staff duty about three years as regimental and brigade quartermaster, aide-de-camp and assistant adjutant general, serving more than a year with Major General Stephen A. Hurlbut, who commanded the Fourth Division, Army of the Tennessee, at Pittsburg Landing, Shiloh and Corinth, and later the Sixteenth Army Corps and the Department of the Gulf. He participated in every battle and campaign in which his command was engaged.

After leaving the army Captain Brown returned to his home in Vernon Springs, Howard county, Iowa, and was there married. On the 1st of March, 1871, he came to Ottumwa as clerk in the office of General John M. Hedrick, supervisor of United States internal revenue for a district comprising eight north-western states and territories. He was soon after appointed United States internal revenue agent on the recommendation of General Hedrick and served in that capacity until October, 1881, resigning on account of failing health. Some of the most prominent citizens of Ottumwa in speaking of Mr. Brown's work in this office say that the service he rendered state and nation at this time cannot be overestimated. The Ottumwa National Bank was then being organized and Captain Brown was offered and accepted the position of cashier. In August, 1883, he left the bank to become auditor of the coal mining, railroad and supply companies owned and operated by J. C. Osgood. This work, proving too arduous, was given up in July, 1884, and for three years he was out of business. In the fall of 1887 he organized the Ottumwa Savings Bank and was its president until August, 1895, when the condition of his health obliged him to give up all business.

On the 30th of August, 1866, at Vernon Springs, Howard county, Iowa, Captain Brown was united in marriage to Miss Adeline Phoebe Fall, daughter of Rev. George W. Fall of that county, the wedding ceremony being performed by the Rev. Charles E. Brown. Mrs. Adeline P. Brown is deceased, having passed away at Boulder, Colorado, on the 20th of April, 1903. By her marriage she had become the mother of five children. Frances Lyon, who was born at Cresco, Iowa, October 6, 1868, died at McGregor, this state, on the 31st of August, 1869, and was buried in the family lot of Rev. George W. Fall at Cresco. Benjamin Perry, whose birth occurred at McGregor, Iowa, December 11, 1869, acquired his education in the public schools of Ottumwa and after putting aside his text-books entered the retail hardware store of the Harper & McIntire Company, then Harper, Chambers & Company, becoming connected with that establishment in May, 1886, in order to learn the business. In September, 1888, he began work in the Ottumwa Savings Bank, was made assistant cashier in 1891, and in August, 1895, was promoted to the position of cashier, in which capacity he is still serving, being widely known as a popular, capable and successful banker. On the 8th of May, 1895, he wedded Miss Laura Kendall of Ottumwa, the marriage ceremony being performed by

the Rev. L. F. Berry. Charles Edwin, whose birth occurred at Ottumwa, Iowa, November 9, 1872, there passed away on the 14th of October, 1874. Edith Adeline, who was born at Ottumwa, August 3, 1875, died at the Glockner Sanitarium in Colorado Springs on the 6th of June, 1893. Louise Fall, born in Ottumwa on the 28th of January, 1881, attended the public schools of this city in the acquirement of an education. On the 2d of May, 1905, in Ottumwa, she gave her hand in marriage to Lester M. Linton, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. P. A. Johnson.

Captain Brown has now passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey and enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him. In the varied relations of life he has stood as a man among men, accepting no false standards, holding to high ideals and exemplifying his sympathy with the world's progress in his own life.

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### OMER C. DAVIS.

An excellent farm property on section 3, Compentine township, is owned by Omer C. Davis, who ranks with the representative agriculturists of the county. His work has been capably done in every connection, and his sound business judgment is manifest in his growing success. He is one of the county's native sons, born April 8, 1861. His parents were William and Priscilla (Mowery) Davis, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of his brother George W. Davis. The usual experiences of the farm lad came to Omer C. Davis in his boyhood and youth. He attended the district schools and through the periods of vacation worked in the fields, taking his place behind the plow almost as soon as old enough to reach the plow handles. He has lived to see remarkable changes in the methods of farming and in the machinery used in the work of the fields, and at all times he has kept abreast with the trend of modern improvement. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority and then purchased the farm upon which he now resides, comprising two hundred and sixty acres of land that is rich and arable. He has wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place by adding many improvements and modern

equipments, and in addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he raises good grades of stock and in the sale of his stock adds materially to his annual income.

In 1886 Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Samantha Argenbright, who was born in this county and is a daughter of David and Winnie Argenbright, both of whom remained residents of Wapello county until called to their final rest. To Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born four children: Frank E.; Doris Ida, now the wife of Rex V. Hawthorn; and William D. and Ira E., both at home. The wife and mother passed away January 1, 1897, and in 1898 Mr. Davis was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary E. Webb, a native of this county and a daughter of Isham and Jane Webb. Her father was born in Iowa, but her mother was born in Ohio and was brought to this state during her early girlhood. Mr. and Mrs. Webb were the parents of five children, four of whom yet survive. By Mr. Davis' second marriage there were born four children: Virgil, who was born in 1900 and died in 1902; Mamie A.; Ruth G.; and Lester O.

Mr. Davis gives his political support to the democratic party, but the honors and emoluments of office have never had attraction for him. For twenty-seven years he has served on the school board and is much interested in the development and improvement of the schools, realizing how important a factor they are as a preparation for citizenship and all the duties of later life. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church and to its teachings are loyal.

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### WILLIAM CARLOS BROWN.

The world's leaders are few; the great majority of people are content if not to remain in the position into which they were born to advance but a little way, lacking either the ambition or the determination which are indispensable elements of progress. Of a distinguished man a friend and poet once wrote: "Fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith." Something similar might be said of Mr. Brown, but the innate force of his character, his undaunted energy and his unfaltering determination have gained for him such distinction as few men enjoy. He won place



not only with the foremost magnates of the country but even in that class ranked as a leader. He was born in the Baptist parsonage at Norway, Herkimer county, New York, July 29, 1853. The home was situated on the southern border of the great north woods that constituted the Adirondack wilderness. The family remained there until September, 1854, when a removal was made to Fenner, Madison county, New York, where they continued until May, 1856. They were afterward residents of Gaines and Murray in Orleans county until July, 1857, when the family home was established at Vernon Springs, Howard county, Iowa.

William Carlos Brown was educated in the common schools. Both he and his twin brother, George L. Brown, were very energetic and helpful to their parents. The mother was very proud of them and in return received their loving and dutiful affection. Their home training was such as developed in them sterling traits of character, and the lessons of thrift were never forgotten.

At an early age William Carlos Brown started out to earn his own living. Going to Thomson, Illinois, in 1868, he was employed there for about two years in supplying wood for engines at a time when that fuel was used. Subsequently he worked as a section hand on the old Western Union Railroad, now a part of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, never dreaming that in the future he would be at the head of one of the largest railway companies on the American continent. Laudable ambition prompted him at all times to make the best possible use of his opportunities, and he devoted his evenings to learning telegraphy. In the spring of 1870 he became an operator at Charles City on the Iowa & Dakota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. He was afterward operator at various stations on the line in both Iowa and Minnesota until the spring of 1871, when he was made night operator in the train dispatcher's office at Minneapolis. In June, 1872, he went to the Iowa division of the Illinois Central Railroad as train dispatcher at Waterloo and in March, 1875, he went to Wilton Junction as train dispatcher for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, there remaining until July, 1876, when he accepted a similar position on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Ottumwa, remaining with the road for two decades. He continued here for only a short time, however, for in the same month he was transferred to Burlington, where he remained as dispatcher until January 1, 1880. He was next chief dispatcher of the St. Louis division at Beardstown, Illinois, from the 1st of January, 1880,

until January, 1881, and was train master of the same division at Beardstown until July, 1884. He next became assistant superintendent of the St. Louis division at Beardstown, remaining in that connection until January 1, 1887, when he became superintendent of the Iowa lines at Burlington, serving in that connection until August, 1890. He was next general manager of the Missouri lines of the Burlington system from August, 1890, until January, 1896, with headquarters at St. Joseph, Missouri, and a further step in his upward career came when he was made general manager at Chicago for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, retaining that relation until June 30, 1901.

His connection with the New York Central began on the 1st of July, 1901, when he went to Cleveland, Ohio, as vice president and general manager of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and Lake Erie & Western Railroads. In February, 1902, he was made vice president of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad and in February, 1905, became operating vice president. In June, 1906, he was made senior vice president and in 1908 was elected to the presidency of the New York Central lines, comprising the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, the West Shore, the Western New York & Ottawa, the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa Railroads and others, including the Cleveland, Chicago, Cincinnati & St. Louis, the Lake Erie, Alliance & Wheeling and the Chicago, Indiana & Southern. The system embraces twelve thousand miles of the most important railway lines in the world. It seems when we think of Mr. Brown's remarkable rise to the presidency of this great system from the humble position in which he was preparing wood for engines that he must have had an Aladdin lamp—so marvelous is the record—and yet careful investigation shows that the secret of success was such as any man might learn. Whatever duties were assigned him he performed capably, faithfully and willingly, giving to the work in hand his best efforts. He never scorned any task no matter how humble. His methods were ever clean and honest and the same policy has been pursued from the beginning throughout his wonderful career. The treatment he ever accorded the public and his subordinates was of the same quality of courtesy extended to his superiors. As he rose to positions of administrative direction it was seen that he was capable of directing the most complex and intricate railway interests. Often the change he has made in management of roads has been radical, but the end has justified

the means, indicating his thorough understanding of every phase of the business bearing upon the subject in hand. Until he resigned the presidency of the New York Central lines and retired to private life in January, 1914, he was the active, directing, responsible head of the great system in the combined transportation, engineering, equipment and mechanical departments. Responsibilities of so varied and important a character have never been attempted by a single individual in any system of railroading in the world. His powers were adequate to the demands made upon him. He gave proof of the fact that he possessed executive and administrative ability of the highest order. He combined untiring energy and industry with patience and good nature, displayed unswerving fidelity to his duties, and he possessed the priceless faculty of gaining and retaining the good-will of patrons and the love, respect and loyal support of employes of the road.

In manner Mr. Brown is modest, unassuming, genial, with no pride of position or power. His conduct embodies all that has become recognized as of the type of the gentleman of the old school. He is a remarkable man in a remarkable age, where most extensive interests have been combined and in their control have come forth men of notable powers, ready for any emergency and capable of finding successful solution for the most intricate and involved problems. His life should serve as an incentive to young men of future generations. Mr. Brown, however, takes no special credit to himself, nor is there about him any show of mock modesty. He recognizes the fact that he has passed beyond many who started out on life's journey with equal or perhaps better advantages, and yet he says that it is only that he has made good use of his time and opportunities and employed his powers to the best advantage. He has now retired from active life and it is his intention to make his home in Ottumwa.

At Lime Spring, Howard county, Iowa, on the 3d of June, 1874, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ella Hewitt, a daughter of C. C. and Mary (Cheesboro) Hewitt, the former a successful hardware merchant. Mrs. Brown is a most refined and beautiful woman, regarded as the belle of the city in which she lived. She is also a model wife, mother and home maker. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brown were born three daughters, two of whom are married and reside in handsome homes near the present residence of their parents, Georgia, the eldest, being the wife of Dr. Frank Ellis Pierce, and Bertha, the wife of Dr. Kellogg Speed. Margaret, the youngest daughter, is at home.



Mr. Brown loves outdoor life and sports. Farm interests are a source of recreation to him. He enjoys watching the cattle and horses and noting the growth of all farm products. He is an excellent judge of stock, and his farm property is splendidly equipped. A genial host, wealth and position have enabled him to promote the comfort and interests of his guests, yet his splendid prosperity has made no change in his treatment of his fellowmen. He stands today as he did in his young manhood, strong in his ability to plan and perform, strong in his honor and his good name—a high-principled, liberal-minded gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

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### WILLIAM HURSEY COOPER.

Commercial activity in Ottumwa finds a worthy representative in William Hursey Cooper, who in 1873 established the retail furniture business which he is still successfully conducting under the firm name of W. H. Cooper & Sons. A native of Maryland, he was born in Caroline county, January 25, 1842, and is a son of Samuel Jackson and Caroline (Moffitt) Cooper, who removed from Maryland to Pennsylvania in the year 1851. The son supplemented his preliminary education, acquired in the public schools, by study in Carmichael College of Pennsylvania and in 1865, when a young man of twenty-three years, he removed westward to Fairfield, Iowa, where he engaged in the manufacture of corn planters. He was married in 1867 and in the following year came to Ottumwa, where he arrived in the month of April. For forty-six years, therefore, he has been a resident of this city and throughout the entire period has occupied a creditable position in business circles. In 1873 he embarked in the retail furniture business and has since conducted his store, in which he carries a large and well selected line of furniture, showing most attractive styles. The goods which he handles are from some of the best known and most reliable houses of the country and his fair and honorable dealing and reasonable prices have constituted the foundation of his growing success. As his sons have reached adult age he has admitted them to partnership and the business is now carried on under the firm style of W. H. Cooper & Sons. This is one of the oldest furniture establishments in the county and throughout the entire period of its existence



the house has enjoyed an unassailable reputation. Mr. Cooper also has some real-estate interests, having made judicious investments in property.

It was on the 21st of November, 1867, that Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Jane Wisecarver, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Wilson) Wisecarver. The children of this marriage are: James Clarence and Edward Giles, who are associated with their father in the firm of W. H. Cooper & Sons; Guy William, who is engaged in the furniture business at Shenandoah, Iowa; Frederick Richard, who is vice president and general manager of the Abilena Water Sales Company at Chicago; and Abbie Florence and Laura Georgia, both of Ottumwa. The parents are members of the Baptist church, in the work of which they take an active interest and to whose support they contribute liberally. Mr. Cooper is serving as one of the church trustees. His political allegiance is given the republican party, but he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. His has been a well spent life, active and useful, and the principles which have guided him in all of his relations with his fellowmen have made him one of the representative and valued citizens of the community.

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### JAMES DE GRUSH BROWN.

Although a resident of St. Joseph, Missouri, James De Grush Brown at one time made his home in Ottumwa and is well known here to many of the citizens of Wapello county, where his brother, Charles P. Brown, still resides. He was born February 9, 1846, in Le Claire township, Scott county, Iowa, a few miles west of the Mississippi river, when that district was a pioneer region, the nearest neighbor living a half mile to the south. Wolves could be heard howling at night, prairie chickens and other wild game could be had in abundance and Indians were occasional visitors in the neighborhood. With the usual experiences of frontier life James D. Brown and the others of the household became familiar. He had but limited educational privileges, but he was a great reader and in the school of experience learned many valuable lessons. He spent a few terms in teaching school in the country districts, and in 1867 he began work for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Co., acting

with the locating engineers on the Iowa & Dakota division. Later he was operator at various stations on the Iowa & Minnesota division and was agent at Lime Spring for fifteen years.

On the 1st of February, 1889, he entered the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad as agent at Fairfield and on the 1st of April, 1890, he came to Ottumwa, where he remained until June 1, 1903. He was very popular as a citizen of Ottumwa. He possessed the social qualities which brought him warm regard and the sterling traits of character which enabled him to retain the friendship of those with whom he was associated. On the 1st of June, 1903, he became traveling freight agent for the Indiana, Iowa & Illinois Railroad and that he won advancement is indicated in the fact that in the fall of 1905 he was promoted to the position of general agent at St. Joseph, Missouri, for the New York Central lines. His success has been worthily won, and he stands today among those who control important railway interests, directing mammoth affairs with the ease and ability that come through long practice and intelligently directed effort.

In 1862 Mr. Brown enlisted in the Sixteenth United States Regiment of Infantry, being then sixteen years of age. An acute and serious illness unfitted him for service and caused his discharge on account of disability a few months later to his great disappointment and regret. The spirit of patriotism has ever been a dominant one in his life, however, and has been manifest in support of many worthy public measures. His business record is a notable and honorable one, placing him in a distinguished position, where he controls important interests. Ottumwa remembers with pleasure the period of his residence here, and through visits to his brother he continues his acquaintance with many of his old-time friends in Wapello county.

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### ERNST KOCH.

Ernst Koch was born in Uslar, a small town near Gottingen, in the province of Hanover, Germany, being the son of George Koch, a quartermaster in the German army, who died six months later. In 1866 he came to America, landing in Wheeling, West Virginia, where he was identified with the heavier branch of the building trade, being employed on the construction of rolling

mills, nail mills, etc. After a few years he was appointed as foreman and later general superintendent of some of the largest works, costing over seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. In 1873 he returned to Germany to study architecture and mechanical engineering. During vacation he made trips to England and France and also up the River Rhine. On one of these trips he worked for two weeks in the Krupp gun works at Essen in order to have an opportunity to inspect the plant. After spending three years at college he returned to this country in 1876, during the exposition in Philadelphia. Before leaving the fatherland he had closed a contract to supervise the erection of the Benwood Iron Works, which were completed just at the beginning of the strike and panic at Pittsburg in 1877. In 1878 he made his way south to Little Rock, Arkansas. At the end of two years, however, his health had become so impaired that he was obliged to seek a more beneficial climate and thus took up his abode in Ottumwa in 1880. Few buildings were at that time being erected in the city which required plans, so Mr. Koch secured an interest in the Ottumwa Road Cart Company, his associates being C. Inskeep, Dr. O'Neal, Dr. Dffenbacher and John Robison. In 1885 he was called to the bedside of his mother in Germany and she died a year later, at the age of eighty-four. After spending three years in Germany he returned to the United States in 1888 and settled permanently in Ottumwa. He has drawn plans for a large number of important structures in Ottumwa, including the Hofmann building, the Masonic building, the Edgerly wholesale drug house, the Harper-McIntire wholesale building, the Elks building, and the Hunter-Bonnifield building, which is now in course of construction. Mr. Koch has drawn the plans for many attractive residences in the city which stand as monuments to his architectural skill and ability and give evidence of his success in his chosen life work. He is a popular member of the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and has an extensive circle of friends throughout Ottumwa and vicinity.

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